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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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8:53 PM CDST DEFERRED 8/30/66 DHM

TO DIRECTOR (92-5793)

FROM CHICAGO (92-920)

also known as Anti-racketeering Office of Origin
FRANK LA PORTE, AKA. AR. OO CHICAGO.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
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BODY OF LOUIS PRATICO FOUND SEVEN AM, AUGUST THIRTY, INSTANT
IN WEEDS ALONG ROADSIDE, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILL. PRATICO
BADLY BEATEN, SMALL HOLE BEHIND LEFT EAR, FRACTURED SKULL,
ESTIMATED DEAD FIVE TO SIX HOURS AT TIME OF DISCOVERY.

FOR INFO BUREAU, PRATICO FORMERLY PATROLMAN, CHICAGO
Police Department
HEIGHTS PD; CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF LA PORTE; UTILIZED BY LA PORTE
AS UNIFORMED POLICE GUARD WHEN LA PORTE CONFINED TO LOCAL
HOSPITAL IN NINETEEN SIXTY ONE. AT TIME OF APPOINTMENT,
Police Department
CHICAGO HEIGHTS PD, PRATICO WAS ON PROBATION FOR BURGLARY.
Police Department
PRATICO REPORTEDLY PLACED ON PD AT REQUEST OF LA PORTE AND
CONSIDERED A LA PORTE UNDERLING.

PRATICO ALSO PRIME SUSPECT IN GANGLAND SLAYING OF CLARENCE
FORREST WHOSE BODY FOUND ST. JOHN, IND, FIVE MONTHS AGO.
ALSO SUSPECTED OF BOMBING LOCAL NEWSPAPER AS RETALIATION FOR
UNCOMPLIMENTARY ARTICLE ABOUT HIS ACTIVITIES.

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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PRATICO MOST RECENTLY CONNECTED WITH EAGLES A-GO-GO,
CALUMET PARK, ILL. BUILDING HOUSING THIS NIGHT CLUB OWNED
BY LA PORTE'S SISTER, MRS. THEODORE BARTUSWIECZ, NEE DOLLY
LA PORTE.

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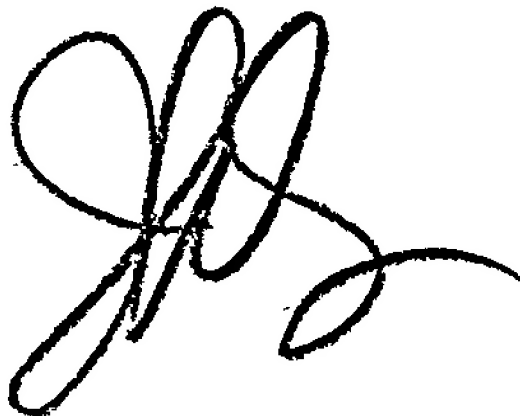
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CC: MR. GALE

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Former Chicago Heights Police officer murdered gangland style yesterday. Victim has been associated with Chicago hoodlum Laporte and was suspect in other gangland slayings and bombings.

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TO DIRECTOR(92-5793)

FROM CHICGO (92-920)

FRANK LA PORTE, AKA. AR. OO CHICAGO

REMYTEL SEPT EIGHT LAST RE ILLINOIS CRIME COMMISSION (ICC)
INQUIRY INTO MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK LOAN TO VALLEY MUSIC
COMPANY, REPORTEDLY A LA PORTE ENTERPRISE.

BASED UPON INFO FURNISHED BY FBI ICC AGENT SERVED LA PORTE
WITH SUBPOENA SEPT NINE INSTANT TO APPEAR BEFORE ICC SEPT
FIFTEEN NEXT. EFFORTS BY ICC CONTINUING TO SERVE LA PORTE'S BROTHER
IN LAW FRANK FRANZE; RALPH EMERY, SON OF FORMER BOSS
OF ORGANIZED CRIME SOUTH COOK COUNTY. ICC ☐ HAVE SUBPOENAS
FOR CHICAGO HOODLUMS CHUCK ENGLISH AND EDWARD VOGEL AS THEY
ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE MONETARY INTEREST IN OPERATION OF VALLEY
MUSIC CO. ICC INTENDS TO HAVE CLOSED HEARING IN THIS MATTER.
LA PORTE INDICATED SURPRISE AND ANGER OVER SUBPOENA AND
INDICATED HE PAID LARGE SUMS OF MONEY TO BE ADVISED IN ADVANCE
OF SUCH INFO. HE MADE NO COMMENT AS TO WHETHER HE WOULD HONOR
SUBPOENA OR FAIL TO APPEAR.

CHICAGO FOLLOWING MATTER CLOSELY.

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TO DIRECTOR
FROM CHICAGO.

FRANK LA PORTE, AKA. AR. OO CHICAGO.

ILLINOIS CRIME COMMISSION (ICC),

ADVISED HE HAD BEEN ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED
THAT SUBPOENAS ARE TO BE ISSUED FOR FRANK LA PORTE; FRANCIS CURRY,
LA PORTE'S GAMBLING LIEUTENANT IN WILL COUNTY, ILL.; FRANK FRANZE,
LA PORTE'S BROTHER IN LAW, AND RALPH EMERY, SON OF FORMER
BOSS OF SOUTHERN COOK COUNTRY ~~XXXXXX~~ COUNTY. DOES NOT KNOW
PURPOSE OF INQUIRY BUT WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH FBI.

USUAL DAILY ROUTINE AND HANGOUTS OF ABOVE HOODLUMS
MADE AVAILABLE TO NORTON TO FACILITATE THEIR LOCATION FOR
SERVICE SUBPOENA.

FROM INFO RECENTLY FURNISHED BY FORMER PCI

IT APPEARS ABOVE SUBPOENAS CONCERN CURRENT INVESTIGATION
BY ICC OF SEVERAL RECENT LOANS MADE TO FIRMS BELIEVED
HAVING HOODLUM INFLUENCE BY MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK OF SEP 8 1966
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CHICAGO. THIS BANK, OF WHICH [REDACTED] KNOWN

ASSOCIATE OF [REDACTED] IS PRESIDENT, RECENTLY MADE LOAN

TO VALLEY MUSIC COMPANY OF AURORA, ILLISXXXXX-ILLINOIS, WHICH ICC
BELIEVES TO BE ENTERPRISE OF LA PORTE, CURRY AND FRANZE. [REDACTED]

ADVISED THAT FORMER OWNER OF VALLEY MUSIC, [REDACTED] SOLD COMPANY

TO PERSON BELIEVED TO BE REPRESENTING LA PORTE, ET AL, WITH

MONEY LA PORTE GROUP BORROWED FROM BANK WITH JUKE BOXES OWNED BY

VALLEY MUSIC AS COLLATERAL. [REDACTED] ADVISED NOT ONLY IS THIS

EXTREMELY PRXXXXX POOR BANKING PROCEDURE BUT AMOUNT OF LOAN

CONSIDERABLY EXCEEDED VALUE OF COLLATERAL. [REDACTED] SUSPECTS

[REDACTED] TXXXXXX AND A LOAN OFFICER NAMED [REDACTED] HAVE BEEN

INFLUENCED BY [REDACTED] FRONT FOR FELIX ALDERISIO IN NATIONAL

MORTGAGE COMPANY, TO MAKE HIGH RISK LOANS TO COMPANIES WITH

HOODLUM INFLUENCE. [REDACTED] LAW FIRM REPRESENTS BANK.

THIS SITUATION WILL BE CLOSELY FOLLOWED.

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TO DIRECTOR
FROM CHICAGO

FRANK LA PORTE, AKA. AR. OO CHICAGO.

REMYTEL SEPT FOURTEEN LAST RE ILLINOIS CRIME COMMISSION
(ICC) HEARINGS ON VALLEY MUSIC COMPANY LOAN FROM MERCANTILE
NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO.

ICC AGENT ADVISED SEPT FIFTEEN THAT LA PORTE'S ATTORNEY,
WHO IS OF JEWISH FAITH, CONTACT ICC AND REQUESTED CONTINUANCE
FOR HIS CLIENT IN VIEW OF JEWISH HOLIDAYS. CONTINUANCE GRANTED.
HEARING WHICH WAS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY WAS NOT ACTUALLY ICC
HEARING BUT AN INTERROGATION BY CHARLES SIRAGUSA, CHIEF
INVESTIGATOR FOR ICC. ATTORNEY FOR LA PORTE INDICATED THAT
LA PORTE WOULD APPEAR AS DIRECTED EVEN THOUGH ILLINOIS SUPREME
COURT HAS NOT DETERMINED THAT ICC HAS LEGITIMATE POWER OF
SUBPOENA. BASED ON INFO FURNISHED BY FBI, LA PORTE'S BROTHER
IN LAW, FRANK FRANZE, AND RALPH EMERY, OWNER OF REGAL VENDING,
ALSO SERVED WITH SUBPOENAS. CHICAGO INFORMANT STATES THAT

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LA PORTE AND EMERY RECENTLY HELD MEETING TO DECIDE POLICY ON APPEARING AT HEARING. LA PORTE ALLEGED BY INFORMANT TO HAVE BEEN "DRUNK" SINCE RECEIVING SUBPOENA DUE TO EXPOSURE OF ACTIVITIES IN CHICAGO PRESS AND FBI INVESTIGATION. ALSO CLAIMS HE IS GOING INTO HIDING BECAUSE HE IS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE IN CALIFORNIA, WHICH APPARENTLY REFERS TO FBI INVESTIGATION OF ALADENA FRANTIENNO IN SAN DIEGO AREA INVOLVING LA PORTE.

AM INFO COPY SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO.

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Office of Origin

REMYTELS SEPT SEVEN, EIGHT AND NINE LAST RE ILLINOIS

CRIME COMMISSION(ICC) INVESTIGATION OF VALLEY MUSIC COMPANY
LOAN AT MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK.

CONFERENCE HELD SEPT THIRTEEN LAST WITH [REDACTED]
JR, WHO PRODUCED RECORDS OF MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK, WHICH HE
REPRESENTS, RE LOAN MADE TO ASSOCIATES OF FRANK LA PORTE FOR
PURCHASE VALLEY MUSIC CO., AURORA, ILL. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT

ILL. CRIME COMMISSION

ICC SUBPOENAED ENTIRE LOAN FILE OF BANK BUT THAT IT DEFINITELY
APPEARS FILE WAS SCREENED BEFORE PRODUCTION BY BANK OFFICIALS

AND SEVERAL DOCUMENTS WITHDRAWN FROM FILE. ONE OF PAPERS SEP 16 1966
WITHHELD IS MEMO FROM [REDACTED] PRESIDENT OF BANK,

IN WHICH HE VOUCHES FOR FRANCIS CURRY, LEADER OF ORGANIZED CRIME
IN JOLIET AND AURORA AREA, AND STATED THAT CURRY RECOMMENDED

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[] OWNER OF ATLAS MUSIC, AS REPUTABLE PERSON.
NOTED THAT [] WAS FRONT USED BY LA PORTE AND CURRY TO
PURCHASE VALLEY MUSIC.

[] PRODUCED DOCUMENTS SHOWING THAT SECURITY AGREEMENT
PLEDGING COLLATERAL FOR LOAN WAS SIGNED BY FRANK FRANZE,
BROTHER IN LAW OF LA PORTE. HOWEVER, FRANZE'S NAME APPEARS NO
WHERE ELSE IN FILE. COLLATERAL FOR LOAN WAS AN AGREEMENT
BY VALLEY MUSIC TO MAKE AND MAINTAIN A ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND
DOLLAR ACCOUNT AT MERCANTILE NATIONAL AND MONIES IN VENDING
MACHINES OWNED BY VALLEY. ACCOUNT HAS NEVER CONTAINED MORE
THAN SIXTY THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND BANK HAS MADE NO EFFORT
TO VERIFY EXISTENCE OF ANY MACHINES WHICH MIGHT BE OWNED BY
VALLEY. [] FEELS NET EFFECT OF ALL ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH
AS TO STRONGLY SUGGEST FRAUD.

IN ADDITION, LOAN WAS APPROVED BY [] AND A VICE
PRESIDENT OF BANK, [] WAS FIRED FROM
AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK IN CHICAGO AND WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN
ANOTHER BANKING CONNECTION. [] BROUGHT HIM TO
MERCANTILE, [] FEELS, SINCE REGULATIONS FOR LOANS MUST BE
APPROVED BY TWO OFFICERS OF BANK. [] USES [] AS

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"RUBBER STAMP" TO MEET THIS REGULATION, [] SUSPECTS.

[] TESTIFIED UNDER OATH BEFORE ICC RECENTLY. [] FEELS THERE IS POSSIBILITY HE IMPLICATED [] ALTHOUGH CHARLES SIRAGUSA, DIRECTOR OF ICC, IS RELUCTANT TO FURNISH TRANSCRIPT OF [] TESTIMONY, [] WHO HAS STRONG POLITICAL CONNECTIONS HERE BEING PRESIDENT, FIFTH WARD REGULAR DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION AND SON OF FEDERAL JUDGE IGOE, HAS PUT PRESSURE ON SIRAGUSA AND HAS BEEN PROMISED TRANSCRIPT.

ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC VIOLATION HAS BEEN DEFINITELY SHOWN BY ABOVE, CHICAGO OFFICE CONSIDERING OPENING ^{FEDERAL RESERVE ACT} ~~FRA~~ INVESTIGATION. CHICAGO WILL OBTAIN [] TESTIMONY FROM [] AND THEN MAKE DETERMINATION WHETHER VIOLATION EXISTS.

ICC CONTINUES THEIR INVESTIGATION THIS SITUATION. THEORY OF THEIR INVESTIGATION IS FORMER OWNER VALLEY, [] WAS EXTORTED TO SELL COMPANY FOR FAR LESS VALUE THAN RECEIVED. ICC HAS ISSUED SUBPOENAS FOR LA PORTE, CURRY, FRANZE, RALPH EMERY, EDWARD VOGEL, CHARLES ENGLISH AND GUS ALEX. COMMISSION OBVIOUSLY INTENDS TO HOLD HEARINGS WITH FULL SCALE PUBLICITY.

[] SUGGESTS SIRAGUSA HAS BEEN ORDERED BY MAYOR DALEY TO "MAKE A SPLASH" WITH THIS INVESTIGATION SO AS TO TAKE PUBLIC ATTENTION AWAY FROM SCANDAL WHICH HAS ENVELOPED DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN SANITARY DISTRICT.

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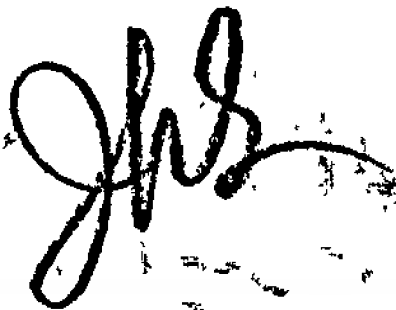
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SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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The Illinois Crime Commission is conducting investigation of a local music company and its relationship with the Mercantile National Bank. Hearings have revealed favoritism in conducting business with representatives of the greater Chicago underworld. A contact of the Chicago Office suspects the Crime Commission has been instructed by Mayor Daley to "make a splash" in this investigation so as to take attention away from the corruption being revealed between the Chicago Sanitary Commission and the Democratic party.

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TO DIRECTOR (92-5793)

FROM CHICAGO (92-920)

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FRANK LA PORTE, AR

REMY PREVIOUS TELS REFLECTING SUBPOENA OF LA PORTE, RALPH EMERY AND FRANK FRANZE, SOUTH COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS, HOODLUMS, BEFORE ILLINOIS CRIME COMMISSION (ICC). ALL THREE APPEARED THIS AM WITH ATTORNEY [REDACTED] WELL KNOWN CHICAGO CRIMINAL ATTORNEY AND TAX EXPERT, AND UNKNOWN STENOGRAPHER, THEY REMAINED IN CLOSED HEARING ROOM WITH ICC DIRECTOR [REDACTED] FOR TWENTY MINUTES, THEN LEFT BUILDING. ONLY AUDIBLE CONVERSATION WAS BY [REDACTED] WHO COMPLAINED BITTERLY ABOUT THE METHOD USED TO SERVE LA PORTE, SOURCE AT HEARING ASSUMED THAT ALL THREE REFUSED TO TESTIFY INASMUCH AS THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN [REDACTED] STRATEGY IN PAST APPEARANCES BEFORE THE ICC AND OTHER HEARINGS. SOURCE BELIEVES ALL WILL BE CITED FOR CONTEMPT DEPENDING UPON ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT DECISION AS TO WHETHER ICC HAS LEGITIMATE

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (92-920)

FRANK LA PORTE , AR, OO: CHICAGO .

AS BUREAU AWARE, CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS FORMERLY NATIONALLY
KNOWN AS "SIN CITY" AND CONTROLLED BY LA PORTE AND ASSOCIATES
WHO FORMERLY OPERATED TWENTY FOUR "STRIP JOINTS" ON STATE
STREET CONDENSED "DEAD". ON SEPTEMBER SIX LAST, "MOLOTOV
COCKTAILS" DISCOVERED IN BURNT-OUT RUINS OF FOLLIES BERGERE
OWNED BY TED BARTUSIEWICZ, BROTHER IN LAW OF LA PORTE. ON
SAME DAY , FIRES STARTED AT FOUR ACES OWNED BY AMOS AMADIO
SUBJECT OF SEVERAL WSTA INVESTIGATIONS AND SKY CLUB OWNED BY
SAM MICELLI KNOWN ASSOCIATE OF LA PORTE.

INFORMANTS ADVISE LA PORTE GROUP INTENDING TO BUILD
SHOPPING CENTER AND OPEN MARKET ON THE STREET AND ARE BURNING
BUILDINGS IN ORDER TO AVOID COST OF DEMOLITION. STATE FIRE
MARSHAL NOT INTERESTED IN ARSON AS BUILDINGS NOT INSURED
AND NO PRESSURE FROM COMPANIES.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 11-30-66	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/19 - 11/18/66
TITLE OF CASE FRANK LA PORTE, aka.		REPORT MADE BY THOMAS W. PARRISH	TYPED BY pjn
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

REFERENCE: Report of SA THOMAS W. PARRISH, dated 7/18/66 at Chicago.

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU

Two (2) copies of an LHM setting forth the characterization of informants.

LEADS

Leads to other Field Divisions are being set forth under separate communications as they develop.

Pending over one year: Yes.

Pending prosecution over six months: No.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to investigate LA PORTE's activities and hoodlum contacts in the Chicago area.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The subject's activities on the West Coast and particularly his association with ALADENA T. FRATIANNO and FRANK BOMPENSIERO are not being included in this report. This activity and associations have been reported by the OO covering these individuals. The Bureau has been furnished copies.

Information copies of this report are being furnished to the Los Angeles, Las Vegas, San Diego and San Francisco offices in view of the subject's frequent travel and financial commitments in these areas.

INFORMANTS

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Agent</u>
CG T-1 is PCI [redacted]	7/15/66	San Francisco.
CG T-2 is [redacted]	7/8/66	SA [redacted]
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CG T-4 is [redacted]	10/26/66	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA THOMAS W. PARRISH

Office: Chicago

Date: Nov. 30, 1966

Field Office File #: 92-920

Bureau File #: 92-5793

Title: FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject frequently observed in Chicago Heights area and at his residence at 1730 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois. His travels and activity in California appears to have been reduced because of local indictments involving his business associates in the trucking industry. Subject was recently subpoenaed by the Illinois Crime Commission (ICC) investigating hoodlum influence into Chicago vending machine industry. He made a 20-minute appearance before the Commission chairman but answered no questions relying upon the Fifth Amendment. Subject's former bodyguard and Chicago Heights, Illinois, policeman, LOUIS PRATICO, murdered in gangland fashion in an alleged power struggle for territory in south Cook County controlled by the subject. Informants state subject being allowed to retire from active leadership of organized crime in southern Cook County, Illinois.

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DETAILS:

Residence

Chief of Police CLIFFORD PAULING and Lt. [] Flossmoor, Illinois, Police Department; advised on September 10 and November 14, 1966, that the subject continues to maintain a residence at 1730 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois. He advised that the police officers under his command continue to make frequent spot checks of the subject's residence and those of his relatives who reside in the near vicinity. Chief PAULING stated that the subject and his automobile, which currently carries Illinois license 987-683, is frequently in the driveway of his brother-in-law, TED BARTUSIEWICZ, who resides next door. Lt. [] stated that he continues to hear rumors that the subject uses this driveway and then goes to his own home through an underground passage that has been constructed between the two houses. Lt. [] stated that it is obvious that the close family organization that LA PORTE for many years controlled is presently breaking up because two of his brothers-in-law, namely, TONY FRANZE and JIMMY ROSS, have sold their homes in Flossmoor and left the area. Lt. [] stated that it is well known that gambling and other illegal activities previously handled by these individuals are currently at an all-time low.

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Chief of Police CASIMIR LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, Illinois, Police Department, advised on November 16, 1966, that he has observed LA PORTE's dark green Buick with a black vinyl top parked behind the residence of MARGARET MC GINNIS at 331 Warren Avenue on several occasions. He advised that he did not retain the exact dates that he made these observations.

Detective [] Chicago Heights, Illinois, Police Department, advised that he continues to conduct spot checks of the house occupied by [] Chicago Heights, Illinois. He advised he has never observed the subject's car at this residence; however, on one occasion

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he did observe the subject being dropped off by another car and he observed him entering this residence. He stated he does not recall the exact date of this occurrence.

[] stated that he has learned from various sources that he did not name that the subject is gradually liquidating all of his legitimate businesses and investments in this area. The net summation of this information, according to [] indicates that LA PORTE, because of his health and alcoholism, can no longer control the area or the people. As a result, the southern end of Cook County, Illinois, appears to be wide open territory. [] stated that his information indicates that Chicago Heights is no longer a source of illegal revenue for the outfit because of stricter enforcement by the Sheriff's Office, State Police and Federal authorities. He stated that the Chicago Heights Police Department continues to provide many individuals who cooperate with LA PORTE and men on illegal matters. He further stated that in his opinion Chief of Police MARK ORLICK is an honest policeman who cannot control the situation because of the political structure in Chicago Heights.

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CG T-4 advised on October 25, 1966, that FRANK LA PORTE's wife, Mrs. "MICKEY" LA PORTE, had previously entered St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights as a patient. The purpose was X-rays and various blood tests. She stayed at the hospital for approximately ten days. During that time she was visited by the subject on at least two occasions. Informant advised that at that time the subject indicated that his health was poor and that he had been forced to increase the dosage of his "heart medicine."

CG T-5 advised on October 21, 1966, that the subject is considered to be in extremely poor health in that he is under extreme nervous tension, is alcoholic and is suffering from some type of heart disease. Informant advised that it is generally conceded that either this condition has caused a downfall of his control of organized crime or that the strict enforcement and loss of revenue from organized crime has caused this health condition.

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Relatives

[redacted] Supervisor, Automobile Registration Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised on August 4, 1966, that 1966 Illinois license CD--8415 was issued on February 2, 1966, to ANTHONY FRANZE, 484 West 16th Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, for a 1966 Chrysler four-door hardtop. This car was purchased new on December 11, 1965, from Belanger Motor Sales, 106 North East Street, Crown Point, Indiana.

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[redacted] Supervisor, Drivers License Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised that a chauffeur's license was issued on August 6, 1965, to ANTHONY P. FRANZE, 427 West Hickory, Chicago Heights, Illinois. This license expired on September 2, 1966, and describes him as 5'9", 198 pounds, born September 8, 1911, brown hair and brown eyes. The application discloses that he is self-employed at the above address in the cleaning business.

On July 19, 1966, the San Francisco office advised that ANTHONY FRANZE and his wife were presently residing in the old GUADAGNOLA residence on Duncan Road, Linden, California. Previous investigation disclosed that TONY FRANZE and RAY GUADAGNOLA are brothers-in-law of the subject.

The San Francisco office advised on July 18, 1966, that an automobile bearing Illinois license 966-127 was observed at the GUADAGNOLA residence, Linden, California. The individual observed leaving the car was called JIMMY and described as age 50, white male, accompanied by another white male, age 30.

Previous investigation disclosed that this automobile is registered to the brother-in-law of FRANK LA PORTE, JAMES ROSS. ROSS recently sold his home in Flossmoor, Illinois, for \$70,000 and indicated that he was retiring and moving to the West Coast. He had previously been employed

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as a slot machine repairman for LA PORTE. More recently he was described for tax purposes as an employee of the Wilco Music and Tobacco Company, Joliet, Illinois. It is noted that this was also a vending machine company, controlled by LA PORTE until it was recently sold to top Chicago hoodlum CHUCK ENGLISH.

CG T-6 advised on July 27, 1966, that LA PORTE is related to Chicago top hoodlum WILLIAM J. MESSINO. The informant is not positive of the exact relationship, but in conversation with [redacted] learned that [redacted] is related to FRANK LA PORTE and also MESSINO. She indicated that she is a second cousin to both LA PORTE and MESSINO. Informant advised that members of the FRANK PANVENO family reportedly associates socially on occasions with LA PORTE and is possibly related to him, but is not related to MESSINO.

Associates

[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois

CG T-2 advised that [redacted] is a practicing attorney with the law firm of Dewar, Davis and DeGrange at 77 West Washington, Chicago. According to the informant, [redacted] is closely associated with FRANK LA PORTE.

[redacted]
Sharon, Massachusetts

Chief of Police LINKIEWICZ advised on August 26, 1966, that he observed a 1966 Cadillac convertible drive into the residence of the subject's paramour at 331 Warren, Calumet City, Illinois. He stated the subject and his paramour MC GINNIS and an unknown female, white, age approximately 40, were observed entering the house. They appeared to be associated from a social standpoint rather than a business position.

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The Boston office advised on October 28, 1966, that the above automobile is registered to [redacted]. She is married to a [redacted] who is listed as a business adviser. [redacted] is 40 years of age and known as a housewife. Police Department records disclosed no record for either [redacted] Chief ALBERT HORAN, Sharon Police Department, stated that [redacted] are living in an old estate which they are renovating extensively and give the impression of being people of considerable means.

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FIORINO BUCCHIERI
3004 South Maple
Berwyn, Illinois

CG T-7 advised that it is well known in the BUCCHIERI group that he has been moving in on some of FRANK LA PORTE's territory in southern Cook County, Illinois, and that BUCCHIERI and LA PORTE have not been on speaking terms for about the last 18 months. Informant stated that it appears that BUCCHIERI and SAM BATTAGLIA are still fighting for the top job of organized crime in Chicago. Informant advised that things are so bad that if TONY ACCARDO and PAUL RICCA do not settle the matter the entire Chicago outfit is going to break up into small factions.

Informant said that things are so tight financially that all groups are "squabbling" over territories and rackets and that if this situation continues the entire outfit will break up regardless of what intervention takes place. He said that a lot of big hoodlums would like to get out but cannot. He said that the leaders have so much money they do not know what to do with it and that most of them have large sums in Swiss banks and have also invested heavily in South American countries. He stated that from various conversations he has heard over the past years he would honestly estimate that BUCCHIERI has at least 25 million dollars and that hoodlum JACK CERONE has at least 15 million dollars.

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LOUIS PRATICO, deceased

Previous investigation disclosed that PRATICO, who resided in Chicago Heights, Illinois, was a bodyguard and close associate of LA PORTE. When he was a uniformed patrolman with the Chicago Heights Police Department, he guarded LA PORTE's hospital room in 1961 when LA PORTE was a patient following a slight heart attack. After his discharge from the Police Department, he was a known burglar and continued to be closely associated with LA PORTE. His last known legitimate employment was that of manager for the Eagles-A-Go-Go Club in Calumet Park, Illinois. This club was owned by FRANK LA PORTE and FIFE BUCCIERI. A bartender at this club in March 1966 was found murdered in Indiana and alleged to have been a "spy" for the BUCCIERI group against LA PORTE. Investigation and informants advised that [redacted] a Blue Island, Illinois, policeman, and PRATICO murdered the bartender named CLARENCE FOREST.

On August 30, 1966, the body of LOUIS PRATICO was discovered in the weeds along the highway in Chicago Heights, Illinois. It appeared he had been badly beaten and shot at least twice in the head.

CG T-5 advised he has heard that PRATICO was killed by a group of hoodlums that included FIFE BUCCIERI and JIMMY "THE BOMBER" CATUARA. Informant said he had heard that PRATICO had been under surveillance for several months and that the murder was done without the knowledge or consent of LA PORTE. It is the informant's opinion that this indicates that LA PORTE no longer maintains control over southern Cook County and that the various other hoodlums are now openly fighting for control over whatever rackets and gambling remain in LA PORTE's old territory.

Sgt. [redacted] Cook County Sheriff's Office, advised that automobiles registered to the following individuals were observed in the funeral procession for LOUIS PRATICO: [redacted] Chicago Heights; ANTHONY MONTELLA, 1411 Green Street, Chicago Heights; JOHN

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[redacted] Chicago Heights: WM. H.
[redacted] Homewood, Illinois; [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago Heights: [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago Heights: [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago Heights: [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago Heights: [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago Heights: [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago Heights: [redacted]
Chicago Heights: [redacted] Chicago
Heights; [redacted] Chicago
Heights; [redacted] Chicago
Heights: Indiana Bills Auto Sales, 2319 Cline, Gary, Indiana;
[redacted] Chicago Heights: [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago Heights: [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago Heights: [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago Heights; [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago Heights; [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago Heights: PHIL BACINO, 121 State Street,
Calumet City; [redacted] Chicago.
Heights: [redacted] Chicago Heights;
[redacted] Chicago Heights;
[redacted] Chicago Heights; [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago Heights; [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago Heights; [redacted]
[redacted] Calumet City; [redacted]
[redacted] Steger.

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Sgt. [redacted] stated that he has determined that PRATICO made telephone calls to the following individuals the night before he was murdered. They included, among others, [redacted] Hazelcrest, Illinois; [redacted] Calumet City; [redacted] Roberts Realty, 14723 Vail Avenue, Harvey, Illinois; [redacted] Chicago.

[redacted]
Miami Beach, Florida

In 1961, Chief PAULING, Flossmoor, Illinois, Police Department, advised that [redacted] owner Bonnell Manufacturing Company, Riverdale, Illinois, was recently.

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bombed. During the investigation he advised that he had met FRANK LA PORTE. [] stated he had met LA PORTE through [] who was a member of the Olympia Fields Country Club, Olympia Fields, Illinois. LA PORTE was [] guest at the club. He recalled that [] and LA PORTE appeared to be very close friends. According to PAULING, [] is a successful contractor in the Chicago area.

CG T-2 advised that WILLIE MESSINO, a Chicago top hoodlum, had made numerous calls to [] residing at 1520 West 28th Street, Miami Beach, Florida. Attempts were made to interview [] without success. [] attorney, [] stated that he would contact the Miami office of the FBI in the event [] desired to furnish any information. To date [] has not contacted the office. Informant stated that MESSINO is known to be interested in purchasing a condominium apartment somewhere in Florida and that this is possibly the reason for the numerous telephone conversations with []

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Chicago Heights, Illinois

On September 14, 1966, Trooper [] District 4, Illinois State Police, Crestwood, Illinois, advised that in a recent conversation with Trooper [] of District 15 (Illinois Toll Road), [] told him that he had arrested the paramour of FRANK LA PORTE.

Trooper [] furnished the following information regarding []

He stated that on September 2, 1966, while on duty as an Illinois State policeman, he observed a 1963 or 1964 Oldsmobile travelling in excess of 80 mph in a 45 mph limit. He pulled the car over and discovered that it was being

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driven by a female who identified herself as [redacted]
This car was apparently being followed by a 1966 Buick
which he later determined was occupied by [redacted]
and FRANK LA PORTE. This car immediately pulled over when
he stopped [redacted] car. He was approached by [redacted]
who stated that he was a close personal friend of Sgt.
[redacted] and Tropper (FNU) [redacted] both of Illinois
District 4, and he was sure that both these Troopers would
appreciate it if [redacted] did not ticket or arrest [redacted]
[redacted] stated that he was formerly a professional boxer and
that he has a hot temper. When [redacted] began making
"tough remarks" he threatened to "flatten him" and place
him under arrest. Following this [redacted] and LA PORTE
left the area. In the subsequent conversation with [redacted]
she indicated she was fleeing from LA PORTE and that she
appreciated [redacted] "tough talk" to his bodyguard, [redacted] *FI*
[redacted] stated that he considers himself quite
a "ladies" man" and indicated that he received a promise
from [redacted] that she would be interested in having a date
with him in the near future. The following day [redacted]
stated that he was discussing this situation with Trooper
[redacted] (ph) who resides on Sernia Drive, Chicago
Heights, Illinois. A few days later, he determined that
[redacted] had gone directly to [redacted] and told him
of the incident including his potential date with [redacted]
[redacted] told [redacted] to advise [redacted] to "lay off the
broad" as LA PORTE is a very jealous individual and there
could be trouble.

[redacted] advised on October 14, 1966, that he had
made several attempts to contact [redacted] at her place of
employment, both in person and by telephone, but he has
been unsuccessful. He stated it is obvious that she has
been contacted by hoodlums and told not to have any associa-
tion with [redacted] advised that it is obvious that LA
PORTE has numerous friends on the Illinois State Police who
continue to do him personal favors whenever they are re-
quested.

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Calumet City, Illinois

CG T-8 advised on September 20, 1966, that [] who was a cousin to JIM EMERY, former leader of organized crime in southern Cook County, is currently operating the club ZIG ZAG on State Street in Calumet City. He stated that this is one of the few remaining taverns on the "strip" which in years past was known as the "sin city of the Midwest." Informant stated that all 24 of the "strip joints" that previously occupied State Street have now been closed and the property is degenerating to a slum situation. Informant advised that [] whom he knows to be a close personal associate and business partner of FRANK LA PORTE, has purchased the property at 6 State Street. This was formerly known as the Little Club and [] has also purchased the Paddock Club. In addition to this he has purchased two lots on the other side of State Street which formerly held various strip clubs. Source advised that it is his opinion that [] is accumulating this property as a front for someone in the syndicate.

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On October 7, 1966, "Molotov cocktails" were discovered in the burnt-out ruins of the Follies Bergere which was owned by TED BARTUSIEWICZ, brother-in-law of subject. On the same day fires were started at the Four Aces Tavern owned by AMOS AMADIO, subject of several WSTA investigations and known associate of LA PORTE, and the Sky Club, owned by [] a known associate of LA PORTE. This property is located along the same general area of the property being purchased by [] Previous investigation indicated that the LA PORTE group was intending to build a legitimate shopping center and supermarket on State Street and that they are having the buildings burned down in order to avoid the cost of demolition. Very little investigation is being conducted by the Illinois State Fire Marshal in view of the fact that the buildings are no longer insured because of their vacancy and the Marshal's office is receiving no pressure from the various insurance companies.

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~~GUS ALEX~~
1050 Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, Illinois

CG T-9 advised on October 11, 1966, that the subject met with GUS ALEX, RALPH PIERCE and [redacted] all Chicago top hoodlums, at the Palmer's Pub in the Palmer House Hotel on October 3, 1966. Informant stated that the purpose of the meeting appeared to be a discussion regarding the subpoenaing of ALEX and LA PORTE by the Illinois Crime Commission (ICC). According to the informant the conversation indicated that the ICC could never have subpoenaed either man without the assistance of the FBI.

[redacted]
Chicago Heights, Illinois

[redacted] Arlington Heights, Illinois, advised on October 10, 1966, that he was acquainted with FRANK LA PORTE and [redacted]. He advised he first met them in approximately 1962 in the following manner. He was a partner in a construction firm with [redacted] (ph), Chicago Heights, Illinois. They obtained a contract to build several low cost houses in a development to be known as Wood Hill Additions. After constructing several of these homes, they heard the company was in financial difficulty and was not paying their bills as agreed. He stated he had previously done construction work for an individual known as [redacted] who operated the Olympia Realty Company in Chicago Heights.

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In discussing his troubles with the Wood Hill Company, he [redacted] stated he had some friends who operated as collectors and he was positive he could obtain payment from Wood Hill. [redacted] stated he subsequently learned that the individuals referred to were [redacted] and LA PORTE. The first of these meetings with LA PORTE took place in the office of the Wood Hill Company at which time LA PORTE, [redacted] and three principals of the Wood Hill Company met and discussed whether the money was actually owed.

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At this meeting there were no threats; however, LA PORTE stated he would recontact the people in an attempt to collect. Approximately one week later, [] called him and stated that he had a check for \$20,000 and felt that his services had been worth \$3,000 of this sum. [] stated that he gladly paid this amount and that this was his last meeting with LA PORTE. He advised that he has since been contacted by [] who claimed that he is attempting now to collect a debt for [] and that [] owes him \$8,000. [] indicated that he was told that a third party was pressuring [] and that he needed the money. [] advised that he is afraid [] will attempt to force him to pay the debt and that he feels that possibly LA PORTE is behind [] who is now operating his own construction company.

MARSHALL CAIFANO
U.S. Penitentiary
Leavenworth, Kansas

CG T-10 advised that he had met with one [] who operates an unknown business in East Chicago, Indiana. This individual was recently in Chicago Heights, Illinois, and was accompanied by MARSHALL CAIFANO, Chicago top hoodlum. According to the informant, CAIFANO introduced FRANK LA PORTE to [] as his very good friend. According to the informant, CAIFANO stated that he would like LA PORTE to help KAY after he, CAIFANO, goes to the Federal Penitentiary. Informant stated that CAIFANO also introduced [] to various other hoodlums in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

[]
Flossmoor, Illinois

Previous investigation disclosed that [] is a close personal friend of Mrs. FRANK LA PORTE and Mrs. TED BARTISIEWICZ, LA PORTE's brother-in-law. Her husband, [] is also associated and fronting for the Newkirk Construction and Cement Company, Joliet, Illinois, which is owned by LA PORTE.

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Chief of Police MEL MEYER, Homewood, Illinois, Police Department, advised that [] currently operates the Ridge Building Corporation at 1944 Ridge Road. [] recently requested the Village of Homewood for a permit to widen the drive in order to allow for additional parking. Chief MEYER stated that [] is also opening the Home Ridge Realty Company at the above address and that he reportedly owns the business property which houses the Homewood Sweet Shop. Chief MEYER advised that [] has home telephones SY 8-9386 and SY 8-1247. His office phones are CA 6-3132, 3134 and 3135. He has also been advised that his home and offices all contain burglar alarm systems. Chief MEYER stated that there are several condominiums being built at 800 Holbrook Road, Homewood, and it is reported that "syndicate money" is behind an individual known as []. Chief MEYER stated he does not know if [] or LA PORTE is behind this project.

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Blue Island, Illinois

Previous investigation established that [] is an associate of FRANK LA PORTE and that 52 slot machines (one-armed bandits) were recovered by the Cook County State's Attorney's police on an affidavit signed by the FBI, at [] property, [] is an alleged millionaire who currently operates Mulder Disposal Service. [] has a contract for the disposal of all refuse from the new 27-story Federal Office Building, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago. Current investigation discloses that [] is committing fraud against the government by overcharging General Service Administration for the hauling and disposal of this refuse.

The Indianapolis office advised that the Turkey Creek Country Club and Golf Course was previously the location of the largest gambling game in northern Indiana. This club is located approximately 25 miles from Chicago, Illinois, in Gary, Indiana. The club is being purchased by

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[redacted] Gary, Indiana. Previous investigation reflects that [redacted] is the "right hand man" for GEORGE "BABE" TUFFANELLI, the alleged gambling czar of Blue Island, Illinois, and lieutenant for FRANK LA PORTE. The treasurer of the country club is [redacted] 3800 West 127th Street. Another officer of the club is [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. Previous investigation discloses that SAIGH was arrested by the Chicago Police Department and described as a "juice" collector for WILLIE "POTATOES" DADDANO, Chicago top hoodlum. A trustee of the company is listed as [redacted] Illinois. Investigation discloses that [redacted] is a court reporter in Chicago, Illinois.

JAMES "MUGGZY" TORTORIELLO
Chicago, Illinois

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CG T-11 advised on October 12, 1966, that MUGGZY TORTORIELLO was formerly the operator of a house of prostitution known as the Sportsman Club in Willow Springs, Illinois. He was considered to be one of LA PORTE's men but because of some trouble was reduced in stature and is now currently handling "jar games" for RED LARNER out of the Crossroads Restaurant in Oak Forest, Illinois. In a recent conversation with MUGGZY he stated that his only operation in the Village of Dolton, Illinois, was the furnishing of jar games and punch boards to three taverns. He stated the taverns are Ray's, 144th and Chicago Road, owned by [redacted] the Villanova, owned by (FNU) [redacted] and the Dolton Liquors. Informant stated that Dolton Liquors is operated by JOE FRANZE, a brother of FRANK FRANZE, who is a brother-in-law of FRANK LA PORTE. He stated he has no other information regarding TORTORIELLO's route or how extensive his punch board activities are.

Legitimate Enterprises

Previous investigation disclosed that LA PORTE furnished in excess of \$200,000 to assist in the formation of the FRATIENNO Trucking Company and the Co-op Trucking Company in California. These companies were operated by

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ALADENA ~~T~~ FRATIANNO. In August, 1966, the California State authorities issued arrest warrants for FRATIANNO, FRANK BOMPENSIERO and several other employees of the company for violation of state labor regulations and the California Public Utility Commission. As a result of this investigation, the California authorities desired to subpoena FRANK LA PORTE in the event he is located within the State of California.

[redacted] Special Agent, Illinois State Crime Commission (ICC), advised on September 7, 1966, that, he had confidentially been advised that state subpoenas are being issued for FRANK LA PORTE, FRANCIS CURRY, FRANK FRANZE and RALPH EMERY. CG T-12 advised that subpoenas concerned the current investigation by the ICC of several recent loans made to firms believed to have hoodlum influence by the Mercantile National Bank of Chicago. This bank, of which [redacted] is President, had recently made a loan to the Valley Music Company of Aurora, Illinois. The ICC believes this company to be an enterprise of, LA PORTE, CURRY and FRANZE. Informant advised that the former owner of Valley Music Company, a [redacted] sold the company to a person by the name of [redacted] as a front for LA PORTE. They are believed to have used juke boxes owned by the company as collateral for the loan. Informant said that this is an extremely unusual banking procedure as the amount of the loan considerably exceeded the value of the collateral. Informant advised that [redacted] and a loan officer named O'ROURKE are making these loans as a front for Chicago top hoodlum MILWAUKEE PHIL ALDERISIO.

CG T-13 advised that all loans at the Mercantile National Bank of \$100,000 or more must be approved by the President and a loan committee of four. The committee is composed of individuals who are legitimate banking people except for [redacted] and [redacted] who influence them in their decisions. Informant stated that prior to the time that the ICC became interested in the loan, he observed a memorandum in the Valley Music Loan file which stated: "Our good friend, FRANCIS CURRY, has requested we make this loan." Informant stated that no appraisals were made on

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any of the equipment and that the amount of the loan is far in excess of the actual value. Informant stated that one of the bank's principal stockholders is [redacted] owner of Labor Aids, Inc. This individual is a millionaire who is alleged to have been arrested for rape, robbery and burglary but has successfully had the police records destroyed. His wife, [redacted] is reported to be the daughter of an old-time AL CAPONE mobster. The informant advised he does not know the name. Informant stated that in the past, numerous bookies and hoodlums have utilized the Mercantile National Bank but have recently been told to stay away because of "heat."

On September 9, 1966, Special Agent [redacted] ICC, advised that based upon information furnished by the FBI, he successfully served LA PORTE with an ICC subpoena for him to appear before the Commission on September 15, 1966.

On September 15, 1966, Agent [redacted] stated that LA PORTE's attorney, [redacted] requested a continuance for his clients in view of the Jewish holidays. This continuance was granted. The attorney indicated that LA PORTE would appear as directed even though the Illinois Supreme Court has not determined that the ICC has a legitimate power of subpoena. Agent [redacted] stated that on the basis of the information furnished by the FBI he and his fellow workers had successfully served subpoenas on FRANK FRANZE and RALPH EMERY. [redacted] stated he has heard that LA PORTE has been "drunk" since he served the subpoena.

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On September 23, 1966, LA PORTE, EMERY and FRANZE appeared at the ICC office with their attorney, BERNSTEIN. They remained in closed hearing for approximately 20 minutes, at which time all took the Fifth Amendment and refused to answer any questions. Attorney [redacted] complained loudly about the method used to serve LA PORTE his subpoena claiming that it was done in such a way as to cause embarrassment to him.

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On November 13, 1966, [] furnished the following information regarding the current investigation being conducted by the Illinois Crime Commission. The Fawn Sales and Valley Music Company investigations clearly indicate the influence of FRANK LA PORTE in the vending machine business in Will, Kane and Southeast Cook Counties. Particular reference is made to the fact that the LA PORTE gang has intimidated the Fawn Sales representative to remove a vending machine in Steger. The salesman was told to stay out of that city, Chicago Heights and Calumet City. Report further indicated that the Regal Vending Company had taken ten stops away from [] and Sons; Blue Island, Illinois. It was noted that [] an officer of the Company, had previously testified before the Illinois Crime Commission in connection with a bomb thrown into his plant by persons unknown but believed to have been caused by Regal Vending.

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CG T-3 advised that he had heard that the outfit is considering building an open-market type legitimate business on State Street, Calumet City, Illinois. He heard that in order to obtain the property, they have [] of Howard Cab Company, Calumet City, purchase several pieces of property along with [] who owns the Zig Zag Club.

[] was interviewed on October 17, 1966, and denied any connection with the syndicate or any other criminal group. He advised he purchased four pieces of property on State Street in Calumet City which previously housed various "strip joints". He stated he bought the property because of the numerous rumors which indicated that some type of large business-type operation could logically be expected to be interested in the property. He advised he was able to purchase the property at a very reasonable sum because of the run-down condition of the building and the fact that State Street now has a very bad name because of its former activity. He advised he has been in the taxi

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cab business in Calumet City for many years and as a consequence has met many hoodlums including LA PORTE and his associates. He advised he has no personal knowledge of the activities of and information he has heard would be primarily of a rumor nature which he would not care to report.

On August 18, 1966, Chief WILLIAM MC CLARAN, Harvey, Illinois, Police Department, advised that his department had received an application for business license. The principals involved were [redacted] Chicago, telephone BI-8-7878 and [redacted] Illinois. He stated that investigation disclosed that they intend to start a new vending machine company in Harvey which is similar to the one they are currently operating at 5908 South Kedzie known as Berns Amusements. [redacted] associates in this business are [redacted] Ridgeland, Chicago, and [redacted] Street, Cicero. They described their operation in Harvey as being for the repairing, storing, distribution, and collection on all coin operated amusement machines such as pinball, juke box, etc. [redacted] is now employed by the George F. Mueller Vending Machine Company, Blue Island, Illinois, who stated he has not yet furnished his resignation to the [redacted] Chief MC CLARAN stated that he has had a meeting with the mayor of Harvey and that they are attempting to discover some legal method to refuse the license as they feel confident that such a business would result in possible violation and be of no assistance to the citizens of Harvey.

Chief MC CLARAN advised that he would appreciate any information that either of these individuals are connected with the organized criminal element in Chicago.

Chief ROBERT OVERSTALTZ, South Chicago Heights Police Department, advised on October 28, 1966, that he has recently heard a rumor from one of the COSTELLO brothers that they and their partner, the MACALUCO's, are being pushed out of the liquor business and that "MILWAUKEE PHIL"

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[] is taking over control. He stated this rumor is further supported by the fact that [] wife of the president of South Chicago Heights, is a close personal friend of [] the widow of JOE COSTELLO. JOE, a former partner in the Chicago Heights Distribution Company, committed suicide approximately 1½ years ago. [] stated that [] claimed to be in dire financial straits because she was receiving no additional money from the Distributing Company. Chief OVERSTALTZ advised that he verified that [] recently made a \$1,500 personal loan from the American Savings Bank in South Chicago Heights, Illinois. Chief OVERSTALTZ stated that he has not observed any individuals well known to him as members of the ALDERISIO group. He advised that based on his knowledge of both the COSTELLOs and the MACALUCOs, they would not report any such attempt to his office and further it was always assumed that they reported to FRANK LA PORTE who was known as the leader of organized crime and that the Chicago Heights Distributing Company was the "outfit's" outlet for liquor in southern Cook County.

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Trooper [] Illinois State Police, stated that he has recently learned from what he considers a very reliable but unnamed source that FRANK LA PORTE owns two thirds of the Terrace Liquor and Alexander's Tavern in Homewood, Illinois. He stated Alexander's is located at 1943 Ridge Avenue and is supposedly owned completely by one [] LA PORTE apparently has taken permanent control of these two properties because [] is a heavy gambler and borrowed money at exorbitant rates from LA PORTE. LA PORTE also has an interest in the property known as Rendias (phonetic) which is located at Ashland and Dixie Highway in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Illegal Enterprises

CG T-5 advised that another business that LA PORTE supposedly controlled is the Illinois Liquor Mart at Six Illinois Street, Chicago, Heights. Informant advised that

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this organization was previously known as the central location for LA PORTE's gambling operation in Chicago Heights.

The Las Vegas Office advised on October 26, 1966, that a review of the records of the E. M. O'Neil Company, 500 East Lake Meade Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada disclosed that since November 30, 1961, through February 7, 1966, the Illinois Liquor Mart had purchased over 500 pair of precision dice.

CG T-14 advised that FIORE BUCCIERI, Chicago top hoodlum, had always been "greedy" and wanted to be the boss of the outfit. He said that BUCCIERI and "TEETS" BATTAGLIA have never been on good terms with each other and that after SAM GIANCANA went to jail, BUCCIERI has taken over some territory on the far south side of Chicago. That has created a lot of disagreement among the leaders of organized crime. The informant stated that BATTAGLIA will probably call a meeting in order to win out the disputes caused by BUCCIERI. Informant stated that he is not positive but that he believes some of the individuals who will be called to the meeting will be JACK CERONE, CHARLES NICOLETTI and FRANK LA PORTE.

CG T-3 advised on July 22, 1966, that he recently had a discussion with AL PILOTTO who told him that LA PORTE is in serious trouble with everyone because he is not taking enough care of the outfit's business and that he is drinking heavily. PILOTTO indicated that his position is in jeopardy because he cannot get along with a lot of people in the outfit. Informant stated he gave the impression that PILOTTO is concerned about his association with JIMMY "THE BOMBER" CATAURA.

CG T-15 advised that approximately 30 years ago the criminal organization was set up on a territory basis by AL CAPONE. He stated that he worked for a group that was concerned with Chicago Heights, Illinois. In those days they took all the alcohol distilled by the Chicago Heights group that was controlled by SAM COSTELLO (deceased) who ran the operation from Chicago Heights. Informant said that involved with COSTELLO were the MACALUCOs, JIM EMERY and PHIL BASINO of Calumet City. He said that

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he later became acquainted with FRANK LA PORTE, who at that time had nothing to do with the alcohol but subsequently became independently wealthy. He advised he was also acquainted with BABE TUFFANELLI of Blue Island who at that time was considered a "punk" but later became wealthy through handling the outfit's gambling interests in Blue Island. Informant stated that the reason he was successful was the fact that his group was considered to furnish the finest quality of bootleg whiskey of anyone in the Chicago area.

CG T-7 advised that factional disputes continue among various hoodlum groups in Chicago and the most notable is the rift between BUCCIERI and LA PORTE which has been going on for approximately a year and a half. Informant said that TORELLO, body-guard for BUCCIERI, had an interest in the Eagles A-Go-GO Club that was owned by LA PORTE but operated by BOB and JOE DAVIS.

On March 1, 1966, CLARENCE FOREST, bartender at the above club, was forceably taken from the bar, shot and killed and his body deposited in Indiana. Informant stated that he was reportedly killed for spying on LA PORTE and his associates.

CG T-5 advised that the killing was done by LOUIS PRATICO, a former body guard for LA PORTE, and that in August PRATICO's body was found in Chicago Heights. He stated he has heard that there would be at least two more gangland killings within the next five or six months because of this feud for control of Southern Cook County.

CG T-7 advised on October 11, 1966, that FRANK LA PORTE is nearly finished and is being forced to give up his territory. Informant stated that LA PORTE has been given an opportunity to sell most of his legitimate holdings but that he then must leave the area. Informant stated that apparently BUCCIERI and CHUCKIE ENGLISH are taking over most of LA PORTE's territory.

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On July 26, 1966, CG T-16 advised that the Crossroads Restaurant in Oak Forest, Illinois, is owned by RED LARNER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The total cost of the Crossroads Restaurant originally was approximately \$40,000. LARNER has admitted on many occasions that he is closely associated with EDDIE VOGEL, former Chicago top hoodlum. LARNER indicated to the other partner that they should "stay clean". LARNER indicated that had numerous other interests which were not so legal and wanted to remain a silent partner and not direct any heat. Informant advised that FRANK LA PORTE and FRANCIS CURRY came into the Crossroads Restaurant and frequently met with LARNER. They would pick up an envelope similar to a payroll envelope. In addition, JIMMY "THE BOMBER" CATAURA also came into the Crossroads Restaurant and frequently met with the same individuals. CURRY occasionally sent an individual named AL to pick up envelopes that had been left at the Crossroad Restaurant by independent bookmakers. Informant described AL as white male, 50, short in stature, heavy build, light brown hair and receding hairline. Informant stated that one of the bookmakers is a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who operates at Blue Island, Illinois, but lives in Calumet Park, Illinois. [REDACTED] (phonetic), a Greek, is another bookmaker that drops envelopes at the Crossroads. Informant stated that when he was working at the Crossroads he noticed that various people came into the restaurant with paper bags and items wrapped in papers and left them for LARNER. LARNER frequently traveled to California and Florida but always managed to return to the Crossroads during the period the individuals left the envelopes and bags. Informant stated that [REDACTED] would frequently enter the restaurant carrying a zipper bag about the size of a bowling bag. He appeared to have LARNER fill the bag and when he left it was usually full. On one occasion informant stated he went into the basement of the restaurant and walked in on LARNER. LARNER had a large amount of money scattered completely over the table and appeared to be counting it. LARNER became extremely angry and berated [REDACTED] for allowing anyone to enter the room. Other individuals who frequented the restaurant were WILLIAM PALERMO, who formerly was associated with gambling in Calumet Park, Calumet City and Lockport, Illinois, "MUGSY", WILLIE "POTATOES" DADDANO and SAILOR ALLEN. He added that MUGSY

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has an interest in a gambling cassino located on an island somewhere off the coast of South or Central America. He advised that MUGSY resides at 1080 North Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois, telephone number ID-3-2082.

CG T-3 advised on November 16, 1966, that he has observed FRANK LA PORTE at the Cooperative Music Company on August 2, October 28, and November 16, 1966. He stated that on all these ocassions he appeared to be in good health and extremely well dressed.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
November 30, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 92-920

Title FRANK LA PORTE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Reference is made to report
of Special Agent Thomas W.
Parrish dated and captioned
as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.



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FRANK LA PORTE
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent Thomas W. Parrish dated and captioned as above.

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is an individual who resides in Lydon, California.

CG T-2 is a source that is associated with certain factions of organized crime in Chicago.

CG T-3 is a gambler in Southern Cook County.

CG T-4 is a nurse in a suburban hospital.

CG T-5 is an individual who gambles at various outfit locations.

CG T-6 is an individual associated with the criminal element of Chicago.

CG T-7 is an individual who associates with the criminal element in Chicago.

CG T-8 is a source who has numerous associates in Southern Cook County, Illinois.

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FRANK LA PORTE

CG T-9 is an individual who has numerous friends in organized criminal activity.

CG T-10 is an individual who was raised in Chicago Heights and knows several persons involved in criminal activity.

CG T-11 is an individual who gambles frequently.

CG T-12 is an employee of the Merchantile Bank.

CG T-13 is an employee of the Merchantile Bank.

CG T-14 is an individual who is closely associated with the criminal element in Chicago.

CG T-15 is a source who previously associated with various criminals.

CG T-16 is an associate of the criminal element in Oak Forest, Illinois.

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Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Wick ✓
Mr. Casper ✓
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BODY OF WESLEY FUNICELLA FOUND BEATEN AND STRANGLED
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ADVISE THAT FUNICELLA WAS PART-TIME COLLECTOR FOR R AND B
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"THE BOMBER" CATUARA IN DAILY CONTACT WITH R AND B WHICH IS
USED AS FRONT FOR JUICE OPERATIONS. INFORMANTS KNOW OF NO
TROUBLE BETWEEN CATUARA AND FUNICELLA AND SUSPECT KILLING
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RESULT OF CONTINUING FEUD BETWEEN LA PORTE AND FIFI BUCCIERI
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TO CONTACT CATUARA THIS P.M. AND WILL ADVISE OF PERTINENT
DEVELOPMENTS. THIS ~~12-11-77~~ INFORMANT ADVISED AFTER KILLING OF
LA PORTE'S FORMER BODYGUARD LOUIS PRATICO THAT THERE WOULD
BE AT LEAST TWO MORE KILLINGS BEFORE CONTROL OF AREA
ESTABLISHED. LA PORTE IS AN ALCOHOLIC AND WANTS OUT OF
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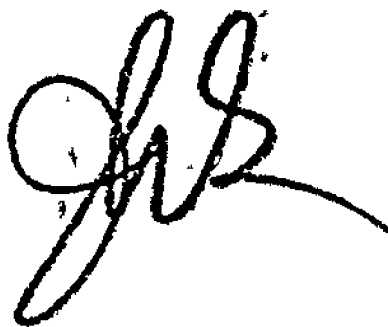
CC: MR. GALE

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

February 28, 1967

Beaten and strangled body of Chicago hoodlum found stuffed in trunk of his automobile. This appears to be gangland slaying number 1,001 in the Chicago area since 1919. Informants believed murder is result of a continuing feud among hoodlums for control of rackets in southern portion of Cook County, Illinois.

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The Acting Attorney General

February 24, 1967

Director, FBI

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ALADENA T. FRATIANNO;

FRANK BOMPENSIERO;

FRANK LA PORTE;

LEO MOCERI;

ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE INFORMATION REQUEST

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. McAndrews
1 - Mr. Rutland

This will acknowledge receipt of the letter of Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., (FMV:ALA:lh) dated February 13, 1967, requesting information relating to electronic surveillance coverage of the above-captioned individuals.

Aladena Fratianno was never the direct subject of any electronic surveillance conducted by this Bureau. However, a conversation in which he was a participant was monitored on November 3, 1964, over a microphone located in the office of [REDACTED] San Francisco, California. This microphone was in operation from August 11, 1960, until July 12, 1965, and was installed under the general authority of the Attorney General of the United States. Former Attorney General Katzenbach was advised of this electronic surveillance by memorandum dated April 12, 1965, and approved its continuation. Fratianno was also monitored on an electronic surveillance covering Frank Bompensiero on July 3 and 4, 1965. Details relating to that particular electronic surveillance are set forth under coverage maintained on Frank Bompensiero.

Frank Bompensiero was the direct subject of an electronic surveillance conducted at his residence at 3838 Haines Street, San Diego, California, and at the Islandia Hotel in San Diego, California. This coverage was in effect from July 1, 1965, until July 12, 1965. Specific authority for this coverage was granted by former Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach on May 25, 1965. During the period that this surveillance was in existence, conversation between Bompensiero, Fratianno and Frank La Porte was monitored.

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The Acting Attorney General

Frank La Porte was the direct subject of an electronic surveillance which was located in the office of the Co-operative Music Company, 1728 Halstead Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. This coverage was in effect from October 29, 1964, to June 8, 1965, and was installed under the general authority of the Attorney General. Former Attorney General Katzenbach was advised of this electronic surveillance by memorandum dated April 14, 1965, and approved its continuation.

La Porte also participated in conversations on July 30, 1959, October 10, 1960, and November 15, 1960, which were monitored by an electronic surveillance device maintained at Celano's Tailor Shop, 620 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This installation was in operation from July 29, 1959, until August 22, 1963, and was installed under the general authority of the Attorney General. As noted heretofore, La Porte was monitored over the microphone coverage maintained on Frank Bompensiero in July of 1965.

Leo Mocerri was never the direct subject of any electronic surveillance nor was he present at, or a participant in, conversations monitored over any other electronic surveillance maintained by this Bureau.

Trespass was involved in the installation of each electronic surveillance device referred to previously.

None of the information received from any of these sources has ever been disseminated to the Internal Revenue Service. Copies of logs containing conversations of the captioned individuals are being directed to this Bureau. Upon their receipt, they will be forwarded to you. Your attention is directed to the fact that a portion of the conversation of Fratianno monitored on November 3, 1964, was held in Sicilian language. This was subsequently translated and the translation is attached to the log for that date.

You may desire to contact other Federal investigative agencies to determine if they maintained similar coverage on any of these persons.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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The Acting Attorney General

NOTE: Department has requested we furnish them any information relating to electronic coverage of aforementioned individuals who are the subjects of legal proceedings to be initiated by the Criminal Division. Chicago, San Diego and San Francisco have reviewed their indices and have furnished logs containing pertinent conversations of these persons which logs will be forwarded to the Department. Bureau indices and field office indices negative re Mocerri.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: February 13, 1967

FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
fmj Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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SUBJECT: Aladena T. Fratianno, aka James Fratianno
Sacramento, California; FBI #832,558;
DOB: 11/14/13, Italy.

Frank Bompensiero, aka James Gavin
San Diego, California
FBI #337,240

Frank La Porte
Flossmoor, Illinois
DOB 10/7/01, Italy
FBI Bureau file #92-5793

Leo Mocer, aka Leo Martin
FBI #88198
DOB 5/22/07, Detroit

The above-listed individuals are the subjects of legal proceedings to be initiated by this Division.

Would you please supply us with information relating to electronic surveillance, following the form requested in my memorandum to you dated December 2, 1966.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 3/6/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/30/66 - 2/24/67
TITLE OF CASE FRANK LA PORTE, aka		REPORT MADE BY THOMAS W. PARRISH	TYPED BY cmm
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REFERENCE: Report of SA THOMAS W. PARRISH dated 11/30/66 at Chicago.

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Two (2) copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth characterization of informants.

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Leads to other field divisions are being set forth by separate communications as they are developed.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to investigate and report activities of this subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE

[redacted] advised the San Diego Office on January 11, 1967, that he is a member of the La Cosa Nostra and furnished the following information regarding his "friend", FRANK LA PORTE, from Chicago:

LA PORTE would give anything to be able to transfer out of Chicago to California, but the outfit will not let him transfer and, as a matter of fact, transfers of any kind from one family to another are almost impossible at this time. He further commented that there are no new members being brought into the organization. On November 16, 1966, [redacted] advised San Diego agents that all of FRANK LA PORTE's trucks are presently located in Northern California and are under the control of JIMMY FRATIANNO. Payments on the trucks are four months in arrears. The monthly payment on the trucks is \$8,000 per month and LA PORTE is presently arranging for those payments through his bank in Chicago. LA PORTE is extremely unhappy with FRATIANNO's trucking operation.

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On December 15, 1966, informant advised that LA PORTE has been tipped off not to come back to California or he will be served with a subpoena to testify in the trucking case in El Centro, California. Informant related that LA PORTE is very anxious to leave Chicago and return to California but he will not come until all prosecution is completed against FRATIANNO and others. Informant further indicated that LA PORTE will end up selling all his trucking equipment. In the past, FRATIANNO almost had LA PORTE talked into investing quite a bit of money in the purchase of the Holiday Lodge on the outskirts of Reno Nevada. They planned to open gambling there but the lodge was too far out of Reno to attract attention to make gambling worthwhile.

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INFORMANTS

Source

Date Contacted

Contacting Agent

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December 7, 1966

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CG T-3

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February 2, 1967

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: THOMAS W. PARRISH
Date: 3/6/67

Office: Chicago, Illinois

Field Office File #: 92-920

Bureau File #: 92-5793

Title: FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to frequent the Co-Operative Music Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois, and resides at 1730 Cambridge, Flossmoor, Illinois. Subject's relatives in the area appear to be disgruntled because of lack of funds and one brother-in-law, TED BARTUSIEWICZ, recently died of natural causes. Subject reported to be afraid to travel to California for fear of being subpoenaed before local California authorities investigating trucking scandal. Illinois Crime Commission conducting inquiry into "juke box" industry and contemplate subpoenaing LA PORTE regarding his activities at Co-Operative Music. Subject and his associates financial activities at Merchantile National Bank set forth.

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DETAILS:

Residence

Chief of Police CLIFFORD PAULING, Flossmoor, Illinois, Police Department, advised that subject's car is frequently observed parked in the driveway of his brother-in-law, TED BARTUSIEWICZ, "BARTON." The chief advised that his officers had stated that they have observed LA PORTE in the driveway and have also observed him on more frequent occasions driving through the village. PAULING stated that he does not have a record of the days that LA PORTE has been observed.

Spot checks of 219 Lynn Lane, Chicago Heights, Illinois, disclosed that the subject's paramour, [REDACTED] continues to reside at the above address. The subject has not been observed at the residence nor has his auto been observed parked in the vicinity.

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Chief of Police CASIMIR LINKIEWICZ (NA), Calumet City, Illinois, advised that he frequently spot checks the residence of MICKEY MC GINNIS, 331 Warren Avenue. He stated that he has observed LA PORTE's auto parked behind this address on December 15, 1966, and January 19, 1967. He stated that it does not appear that MC GINNIS is travelling to Arizona for the winter as she has done in the past.

Health

CG T-1 advised on December 7, 1966, that he has heard from numerous sources in South Cook County, Illinois, that FRANK LA PORTE is in poor health because of his heavy drinking and the fact that his empire of organized crime is falling apart.

CG T-3 advised on January 11, 1967, that FRANK LA PORTE is drinking heavily and that he would give anything to be able to leave Chicago permanently and move to Nevada or California. Informant stated that the outfit did not approve of his leaving the area at this time.

Relatives

Records at the St. James Hospital, Chicago Heights, Illinois, disclosed that the subject's wife was again a patient during the month of February. It is alleged that she is there for "the cure." She is reported to have been drinking excessively to the point that it is affecting her physically. In addition, she is having numerous tests to determine the complete extent of her illness.

Chief PAULING advised on November 24, 1966, that the subject's relative, [redacted] age 38, [redacted] Illinois, telephone 755-3595, is married to the daughter of TONY FRANZE. FRANZE is the brother-in-law of LA PORTE. PAULING stated that the following written report was submitted concerning an incident involving [redacted]

"At approximately 3:20 P.M. on November 24, 1966, we received a call from the telephone operator, that there was some kind of a disturbance on Cambridge Road. A man then cut in on the operator and said that there was nothing wrong and to forget the call. The operator stated that the call had come from telephone 798-9118. At approximately 7:45 P.M. we received a call from [redacted] stating he wanted to sign a complaint against someone on Cambridge. He was advised that he would have to come into the Flossmoor Station.

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[redacted] arrived at the Flossmoor Station at approximately 8:00 P.M. with his two sons, age seven and eight, and stated that they were witnesses to the incident. [redacted] stated that he was at the Thanksgiving dinner at BARTUSIEWICZ's house at 1716 Cambridge, and that since no one liked Mrs. LA PORTE, he went next door and ate with her. He also stated that he asked FRANK LA PORTE if he could use a shotgun to go hunting and that LA PORTE told him to take his pick from the gun rack. The rack was locked and he went back to BARTUSIEWICZ for a key. Here is where the fight started. He states that they ganged up on him and they were all hitting him but he knew FRANK FRANZE hit him in the mouth. He stated that [redacted] did not take sides but tried to break it up, also [redacted] He states that [redacted] [redacted] tried to smooth things over.

[] stated that he was an outcast, he was married to ERANZE's daughter, and he had been living in this situation for nine years and that he was tired of it, but this was the first time they had ever physically harmed him. He stated that he would possibly lose this in court or they would get him, but they would know he was around. He stated that he would name them all if he had to.

While [] was in the station, he received several phone calls from his wife, apparently trying to get him out of here. He called his attorney, a Mr. []. He told him what happened and what he was doing and said he would see him in court at 9:00 A.M. tomorrow. We advised [] this day there was no judge sitting anywhere tonight, that he would have to sign complaints on November 25, 1966. He stated he could not make it until 8:00 P.M. and he would meet us in the City Midlothian at 8:00 P.M.

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At approximately 8:45 P.M. Mr. [] called back and stated that he had been followed from the police station and stopped by RAYMOND FRANZE. FRANZE said if you ever do that again, "I'll kill you." [] stated that he was at home and that he was going elsewhere for the night."

Chief PAULING stated that on November 25, 1966, he and an officer appeared at the Midlothian Court; however, [] did not appear. PAULING advised on February 27, 1967, that he has had no more additional inquiry from [] and nothing has been done regarding his alleged assault and battery. On November 25, 1966, efforts were made to locate and interview [] away from his home, without success. On December 10, 1966, KRAUT was observed in Chicago Heights, Illinois. He advised that he had no information to furnish to the FBI and did not care to be further interviewed.

On January 4, 1967, an edition of the "Chicago Heights Star" Newspaper contained an article which reads in part that four teenagers were injured in a two car crash. ALICE WROBEL, age sixteen, 28 East Mc Eldowney, Chicago Heights, Illinois, was confined to the St. James Hospital. She was a passenger in an auto driven by FRANK M. []

FRANZE, age seventeen, 1729 Cambridge, Flossmoor, Illinois. Both FRANZE and another passenger, GAILE SIMON, age sixteen, 333 Farragut, Park Forest, Illinois, were treated and released from St. James Hospital, according to authorities. Police said that the other auto was struck in the rear by the FRANZE driven auto. FRANZE was charged with driving too fast for conditions.

The January, 1967, addition of the "Chicago Heights Star" contained the following article:

THEODORE J. BARTUSIEWICZ, also known as TED BARTON, 1716 Cambridge, Flossmoor, Illinois, died unexpectedly in the St. James Hospital.

A life long resident of the South Suburban Area, BARTUSIEWICZ was born January 6, 1911, in Chicago Heights, Illinois. He had been a Cook County employee. The Reverend RICHARD HILLS, Pastor of Infant Jesus of Prague Church, Flossmoor, Illinois, will conduct funeral services. The burial will be in Assumption Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, the former NATALINA LA PORTE, a daughter TERRY, a son TED living at the family home, three sisters, Mrs. ANN FEATHERSON, Chicago, Mrs. STEPHANIE BARTUSIEWICZ and Mrs. JEAN CIANCHETTI, both of Chicago Heights, Illinois. He also has four brothers, WALTER and EDWARD of Chicago Heights, Illinois, CHESTER of South Chicago Heights, Illinois, and STANLEY of Detroit.

On January 13, 1967, Lieutenant [redacted] Flossmoor Police Department, advised that the subject's brother-in-law, MARTIN PULCINI, who resides in a \$80,000 home on Flossmoor Road, had applied for a job and worked one day as a janitor at the Homewood-Flossmoor High School. The following week two janitors were held up and the school safe was forced open. [redacted] advised that investigation failed to disclose any evidence that PULCINI had assisted in any way with the burglary. He advised that it was assumed that the job of janitor involved too much physical labor for PULCINI and that for this reason he did not continue the employment. He advised that to the best of his knowledge, since LA PORTE sold his interest in Wilco Tobacco Company, PULCINI has had a hard time finding any type of employment.

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Associates

[redacted]
Chicago Heights, Illinois

CG T-4 advised on January 6, 1967, that [redacted] who previously owned the Royal Novelty Company, is a close associate of LA PORTE's. LA PORTE furnished him with the various bowling and other electronic games that is operated by the Royal Company. Informant stated that [redacted] has recently purchased the Dyer Sundries, 208 Joliet Street, Dyer, Indiana. This is a fairly small store which handles patent medicine, ice cream, tobacco, etc. Informant stated that to the best of his knowledge, there is no illegal activity conducted on the premises at the present time. However, it can be that stolen property and other illegal products would be handled through the store. He stated that [redacted] has only been observed at the store at 10:00 P.M. when it closes.

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"Chicago Heights Star" disclosed that Mrs. SANTA TALERICO, age sixty-nine, 3230 Miller Avenue, South Chicago Heights, Illinois, died Friday, November 27, 1966. She was born at San Biase, Italy, September 11, 1897. She had lived in this area for fifty-three years. She is survived by her husband JOHN, three daughters, Mrs. HAROLD SCHINDLER, Steger, Illinois, Mrs. BERNARD HOWARD, Riverdale, Illinois, THERESA of South Chicago Heights, Illinois. Her sons are PETE of Chicago Heights, Illinois, GENE of Homewood, Illinois, and ANGELO of South Chicago Heights, Illinois. Her one sister is Mrs. FRANK CUDA, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and her other sister lives in Italy.

JAMES CATUARA
9700 Fitzpatrick
Oak Lawn, Illinois

CG T-1 advised on December 7, 1966, that CATUARA continues to be closely associated with AL PILOTTO and that FRANK LA PORTE is having less and less to do with these individuals in Southern Cook County. Informant stated that LA PORTE is frequently absent from the area and that CATUARA appears to be taking over much of his (LA PORTE's) former area of operation. Informant mentioned

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that CATUARA and PILOTTO had both been members of the old 42 burglar gang that originated on the west side of Chicago some twenty-five years ago.

CG T-4 advised that CATUARA and LA PORTE continue to be partners in several legitimate enterprises in Illinois, but he has heard that CATUARA is gradually taking over control of areas that formerly belonged to LA PORTE. He stated that LA PORTE is supposedly retiring from active participation in organized crime.

[REDACTED]
Gary, Indiana

CG T-4 advised that [REDACTED] was formerly the front man and chief lieutenant for GEORGE "BABE" TUFFANELLI, LA PORTE's gambling boss in Blue Island, Illinois, for many years. The Indianapolis Office advised that UZELAC and others are attempting to purchase the Turkey Creek Country Club in Gary, Indiana. This club was formerly the location for a large syndicate operated gambling type casino. Other partners include [REDACTED] b6 b7C
[REDACTED] Fifty-five slot machines which were believed to have been owned by LA PORTE, were recovered at a farm owned by the [REDACTED] Information developed by Indianapolis discloses that the country club is presently having financial difficulties and the current operators have been unable to meet their bills. [REDACTED] has made noppayments toward retiring the original purchase price. Indianapolis indicates that a foreclosure has been filed against [REDACTED] and presently the Turkey Creek Country Club is up for sale. However, technically the club would be considered still owned by [REDACTED]

ALFRED J. PILOTTO *AL PILOTTO*
137 Joe Orr Road
Chicago Heights, Illinois

CG T-1 advised that PILOTTO had always been considered a lieutenant for FRANK LA PORTE in the operation of the gambling activities conducted in Chicago Heights, Illinois. In addition, [REDACTED] was considered the "go between" between LA PORTE and the city politicians.

On February 8, 1967, Sergeant [redacted] Chicago Heights Police Department, advised that [redacted] who owns Zaranti's Restaurant on 14th Street, is a close associate of PILOTTO and is frequently observed at this restaurant. Sergeant [redacted] advised that the Chief of Police at Chicago Heights recently suffered a severe heart attack. [redacted] stated that after this fact became known, he received a call from [redacted] whom he has known for several years. [redacted] stated that he had forgotten to send [redacted] his Christmas present and that it would soon be in the mail. He asked [redacted] for his opinion as to whether he [redacted] could talk with Captain STANLEY JARECKI, the acting Chief of Police, to determine [redacted] attitude toward allowing open gambling in Chicago Heights, Illinois. [redacted] stated he immediately reported this to [redacted] who stated he would listen to [redacted] but that he had no intention of accepting money or gifts from [redacted] and no intention of allowing open gambling in Chicago Heights, Illinois. [redacted] further advised that Mayor MARINO RICHTON, whom he knows accepted some political contribution from LA PORTE, feels he made a mistake in appointing ORLICK the chief because he cannot control him. [redacted] stated that LA PORTE contributes to both political parties and following the April city elections may be able to again open gambling in the Chicago Heights area.

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Chicago, Illinois

Investigation at San Diego, California, disclosed that LA PORTE, in connection with his trucking operations, has some association with [redacted] in that they were both previously involved in the exportation of lard from the United States to the country of Mexico. San Diego furnished information indicating that [redacted] recently indicated to a San Diego source that he and his Chicago associates were contemplating a one-half million dollar investment in a mining venture at Chihuahua, Mexico. The mine is to be called "La Perla", S.A. On February 2, 1967, [redacted] was interviewed at 2047 North Humboldt, Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] advised that he had a great dislike for [redacted] He stated that [redacted] who is a real "promoter type", talked him into investing a substantial amount of money in a lard exporting

business in El Centro, California. [] also talked various close relatives of his into doing the same and that everyone involved in the operation lost money. After the loss, [] feigned insanity in order to avoid his financial responsibilities. [] stated that [] was so convincing that most of the individuals actually believed that he was incapable of handling his financial activities. [] claims that he has since learned that [] is sane even though he spent some time in a mental institution and that [] is constantly trying to promote financial investments.

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JOE FUSHI
Deceased

NICK MACALUSO, Chicago Heights, Illinois, previously advised that the FUSHI family was friendly with FRANK LA PORTE. He stated that the FUSHI, MULDER, COSTELLO and LOBUE families were the first Sicilian families to come into the Chicago Heights area before the turn of the century.

"The"Chicago Heights Star"disclosed that JOHN FUSHI, 1667 Buena Vista, Chicago Heights, Illinois, died at age ninety-five in St. James Hospital. Mr. FUSHI was born September 20, 1871, in Caccamo, Sicily. He lived in Chicago Heights for sixty-five years. He had twenty-one grandchildren, twenty-nine great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild. Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. ALFRED NELSON and Mrs. ANGELINE SORRENTINO of Chicago Heights, Illinois, four sons, JOSEPH, NICHOLAS, GEORGE and MARINO. Also surviving Mr. FUSHI are his sisters MARIE ANZELMO and CONCETTA FUSHI of Chicago Heights, Illinois.

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JOSEPH GUZZINO

Deceased

The Chicago Heights Star, Sunday, January 1, 1967, edition contained an article which reads in part as follows:

Funeral services for JOSEPH GUZZINO, age 67, Calumet City, Illinois, will be conducted Monday in Chicago Heights.

Mr. GUZZINO, who died suddenly Thursday in St. Margaret's Hospital, Hammond, Indiana, was born March 16, 1899, in Louisiana, but spent most of his life in the south suburban Chicago area.

He is survived by his wife BONNIE, and two daughters, [redacted] all of Calumet City.

Other survivors are sisters, Mrs. SARA CONTI, Chicago Heights; Mrs. JOSEPHINE ROSSETTI, South Chicago Heights, and Mrs. LILLIAN SQUETERI, Chicago Heights; and brothers NICK GUZZINO, Calumet City; and TONY GUZZINO, South Chicago Heights.

Detective [redacted] Chicago Heights Police Department, advised on January 3, 1967, that LA PORTE and numerous other hoodlums attended the wake and funeral for JOSEPH GUZZINO.

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ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

CG T-2 advised on December 6, 1966, that he is acquainted with FRANK LA PORTE and understands that he is going to take over [redacted] interest in California. He stated that [redacted] is a very wealthy individual who may leave the country in the near future. Informant stated that JIMMY CATUARA is active in the Chicago Heights area.

CG T-3 advised that LA PORTE is interested in getting into gambling in the State of Nevada. He was almost talked into buying the Holiday Inn in the outskirts of Reno, Nevada, but it was decided that it was too far out of town to be a good investment. LA PORTE had previously attempted to invest in the Tally Ho Hotel, but his efforts were blocked by the Nevada Gaming Control Board.

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Previous investigation disclosed that LA PORTE and [REDACTED] had been involved in the collecting of debts from the Wood Hill Development Company.

One of the owners of Wood Hill is [REDACTED]

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[redacted] was interviewed in his office at the Oak Park, Inc., 8720 South Oak Park Drive, Oak Creek, Wisconsin. [redacted] readily admitted that he had formerly been associated with the housing development known as Wood Hill Associates, Inc. in Will County, Illinois. [redacted] stated this development started in 1959 in an area encompassing 1200 acres on which land homes were to be built and sold. [redacted] noted that he controlled 50 per cent of this endeavor and the remainder was controlled by [redacted]

[redacted] stated that the entire development closed up as a failure in 1965 and it involved a financial loss of \$600,000-\$700,000. In that regard, [redacted] stated that he was definitely aware of all financial machinations concerning himself, [redacted] Because of his controlling interest in the organization known as Wood Hill Associates, Inc., he stated he knows that no payment in the amount of \$20,000 was made to anyone named FRANK LA PORTE or [redacted] In fact, [redacted] stated that he does not know LA PORTE or [redacted] nor would he know them were he to face them in person. He said he knows these individuals by name because of the recent notoriety concerning the "juice" racket as has been described in various Chicago newspapers. He said in view of the financial failure of Wood Hill, he had no desire to associate with any individuals of a criminal or shady background.

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Looking to the possibility that there could have been some form of a "pay-off and/or collection" while this housing development was being built, [redacted] stated that there were several sub-contractors, specifically the A & A Construction Company of Homewood, Illinois, which company was run by [redacted] (phonetic). Also, one of the sub-contractors was a [redacted] Orland Park, Illinois. [redacted] stated that the Pullman Bank and Trust Company of 111th Street and St. Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, would know the names of all sub-contractors.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 1/27/67

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In conclusion, [redacted] again emphatically stated that neither he nor [redacted] had any financial dealings concerning the Wood Hill housing project with either FRANK LA PORTE or [redacted]

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CG T-5 advised that FRANK LA PORTE continues to have a great deal of control in the Joliet, Illinois area. Gambling and prostitution is well organized and protected. Reports persist that an illegal radio station for horse bets is operated and the location is supposedly in a building on the northeast corner of Chicago and Jefferson Streets, Joliet. Handbooks that belong to FRANCIS CURRY are located in Brozmans Tavern, 510 Moen Avenue, Rockdale, Stellas, Rockdale, Joliet Athletic Club, second floor, on the north side of Cass Street just east of Chicago.

According to the informant this is a layoff and collection joint that has run with police protection for many years. According to the informant, Judge DONALD F. DELANEY, United States Court of Claims, was formerly connected with the club. Angelos Restaurant, and the Town House Tavern are also reported to be taking bets.

The informant advised that [redacted] has been permitted to leave CURRY's employment. According to the informant, he was last employed as a welder for the Caterpillar Tractor Company, Joliet.

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The informant further stated that [redacted] of the Joliet Herald News, reporter and photographer, had indicated that he has some knowledge of organized criminal activity in Joliet.

An employee of another Governmental Investigative Agency advised that he obtained the above information from various sources, and he is not positive that the information is current.

CG T-1 advised that in his opinion there are two outfits in the Chicago area, one Italian and the other Jewish. They work together because they discovered that in the past they were only hurting each other. The informant stated that in his opinion, which he has claimed from conversation with various hoodlums whom he believes to be in the outfit, that there is no ceremony in "being made," and that it is no longer necessary to be an Italian.

He has heard that the younger leaders of the outfit feel that an individual only has to be a "good guy with a good heart" to get on the "payroll."

The informant stated that in his opinion only the people who are on the payroll are actually considered a part of the outfit. Informant stated that the organization is hurt in Chicago because of the "heat" on gambling and other illegal activities. As a result, all local judges and politicians are afraid to do business with the outfit because they feel the newspapers will ruin them. He stated that this is the reason for the recent killings in Chicago. The action is disappearing, and the leaders are fighting for whatever is open.

The informant advised that he recently had a conversation with some unnamed hoodlums who told him that there were about seven different individuals who had money in the Eagles A Go Go Club in Calumet Park, Illinois. Their investments started several years ago and the building was originally built in the expectation that it would replace the casino type gambling being conducted at the Owl Club, Calumet City. The actual property is in the name of FRANK LA PORTE's sister, DOLLY BARTUSIEWICZ. Informant stated that among those involved in the ownership of the club are LA PORTE, JIMMY CATUARA, TURK TORELLO, and FIFI BUCCIERT.

LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

The Chicago Sun Times, a daily newspaper, February 16, 1967, edition contains an article which reads in part as follows:

Crime syndicate inroads into the jukebox and vending industries were uncovered through a dummy vending firm set up by undercover agents of the Illinois Crime Investigating Commission. Testimony will reveal how a former Chicago policeman threatened to bomb the bogus firm, which was used to draw out syndicate secrets by competing with the mobsters themselves.

In one phase of the operation, agents boldly entered the south suburban fiefdom of FRANK LA PORTE, syndicate gambling czar in Will County and southern Cook County.

A tavernkeeper listened to the agents' sales pitch, studied their J - J Vending business cards, and cast furtive glances at RALPH EMERY, one of LA PORTE's lieutenants, who was

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sitting at the bar. The tavernkeeper turned down the deal. As a result of the investigation, JOSEPH GAGLIANO, LA PORTE, and EMERY are among those subpoenaed to testify.

CG T-6 advised that he had an opportunity to review some of the financial records at the Mercantile National Bank, 500 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago. The informant stated that the president of this multi-million dollar bank, one of the ten largest in Chicago, had as its president LOUIS CORRINGTON who the informant felt was closely associated with various members of the crime syndicate.

The informant stated that in a recent proxy fight CORRINGTON lost his presidency and that the new management is attempting to clean up "the mess" left by CORRINGTON.

A review of the records disclosed the following individuals in the company that are connected with LA PORTE:

Account Name & Principals	Hi Credit	Present Loan	Security	Com'l. a/c #
<u>NORMANDY INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.</u> Robert J. Schlossberg Norman M. Schlossberg Maurice Ohren	\$150,000.00	#95,000.00	Coronet Ins. Co. Stk.	63-0062-8
<u>JAMES ROSS DBA CO-OP TRUCKING</u> James V. Ross Frank Franze Natalie Bartusiewicz	\$150,000.00	\$114,500.00	7 Int. Trucks	72-0119-8
<u>JAMES V. ROSS</u>	\$15,000.00	--0--	Sav. A/c #117013	
<u>SENTINEL FINANCE CO.</u> Edward A. Gensberg Samuel H. Giesh Michael Blumberg	--0--	--0--		76-0120-2
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 20px;"></div>	\$456,000.00	\$373,275.00	450 Juke Boxes of Valley Music	35-0154-6

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Account Name & Principals	Hi Credit	Present Loan	Security	com'l. a/c #
<u>VALLEY MUSIC</u> Frank Franze	--0--	--0--		84-0088-0
<u>CO-OPERATIVE MUSIC CO.</u> Frank Franze Mike Paoletta James Ross	\$15,000.00	\$2,500.00	Unsecured	22-0075-2
<u>CO-OP TRUCK LEASING</u> James V. Ross Frank Franze Natalie Bartusiewicz	--0--	--0--		22-0088-4
<u>ILL. REPT. MFG.</u> [Redacted]	\$350,000.00	\$14,044.07	Equip. & a/c Rec. at 80%	44-0008-1
[Redacted]	\$72,000.00	Stocks		
<u>AMUSEMENT CORP. OF AMERICA</u> [Redacted]	\$50,000.00	--C--	C/E on 5 Amusement Park Licenses	b6 b7C
<u>CORONET INS. CO.</u> [Redacted]	--0--	--0--		23-0083-0
<u>CALUMET LAND RECLAMATION</u> [Redacted]	\$13,500.00	--0--	UnSec	
<u>ZELRIO INC.</u> [Redacted]	\$55,000.00	\$12,533.00	D-8 Cat	
<u>REGAL VENDING</u> [Redacted]	\$36,000.00	\$16,280.00	Cigarette Vending Machines	70-0078-9

Previous investigation disclosed that [redacted] was a partner with LA PORTE in the Normandy Villa Land Company in Chicago Heights. JAMES ROSS, FRANK FRANZE, and NATALIE BARTHSTEWICZ are brothers-in-law and sister of FRANK LA PORTE. [redacted] is a juke box distributor in Chicago and is associated with LA PORTE and ROSS in the purchase of approximately \$200,000 worth of International Tractors being used in California. [redacted] is a collector for LA PORTE and sometimes chauffeur. [redacted] resides in Flossmoor, Illinois, and his wife, [redacted] is a close social acquaintance of the LA PORTE family and relatives, and was driving one of LA PORTE's cars when his brother-in-law, TONY FRANZE was subpoenaed by the Senate Select Committee.

FRANK DE STEFANO was a partner with MANNY SKAR who was recently killed in gangland version in Chicago. RALPH A. EMERY is the son of JIM EMERY who previously controlled organized crime in southern Cook County prior to his death in 1957. JOSEPH L. COSTELLO is an associate of LA PORTE and one of the owners of the Chicago Heights Distributing Company. COSTELLO reportedly committed suicide approximately one year ago.

CG T-6 further advised that the loan regarding [redacted] to the Valley Music Company was implemented in the following manner:

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On May 6, 1966, the bank loaned [redacted] \$300,000 for the purpose of purchasing the assets of the Valley Music Company, Incorporated, Aurora, Illinois. On June 2, 1966, the bank loaned him an additional \$60,000.00 and on July 20, 1966, an additional \$40,000.00. The loan was supposedly secured by 450 coin operated vending machines plus a note of \$100,000.00 signed by FRANK FRANZ DBA, Valley Music Company. The bank's files do not indicate if any effort was made to ascertain that these assets actually do exist. The bank has a schedule of serial numbers of various pieces of equipment which are purported to exist.

The files also include a copy of a Contract for Sale and Purchase signed by Valley Music Company, Incorporated, referred to as the seller and an undisclosed purchaser. The contract is dated April 12, 1966 and is signed on behalf of Valley Music Company by [redacted] of the Trust Department stated that he was told to sign a number of papers but he did not know what he was signing, and only that he was told by [redacted] that he was acting as nominee in behalf of the bank. When shown, the files of both [redacted] and Valley Music Company, [redacted] stated that the only documents in the files that he signed was his Assignment of all Rights, Titles and Interest to the note made payable to

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him from FRANK FRANZE, DBA Valley Music Company to [redacted] [redacted] stated that he signed many more documents but as of this date the bank has been unable to determine where these documents are presently held.

One of the Assignments of Rights was signed by [redacted] as Executive Vice-President for Mercantile National Bank as a secured party and Valley Music Company by FRANK FRANZE as a debtor.

The informant advised that in going through the files of [redacted] it was determined that a memo which was written by [redacted] and circulated among the loaning officers at the time the loan was made stated in effect that at the request of our good friend, Mr. CURRY, we have made this loan to [redacted]. This memo has been replaced with a new loan memo and only [redacted] and [redacted] initials appear on it. Also missing from the files are newspaper clippings which were placed in the files by the Credit Department, giving the Crime Commission's story and pending investigation of the manner in which Mr. FRANZE acquired possession of Valley Music.

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The informant further advised that in his opinion there are several other large loans outstanding which have connection with the crime syndicate, and these loans were instituted and final approval made by [redacted].

The informant advised that he will continue to furnish information that he feels will be of value in combatting the organized crime influence in the bank.



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Chicago, Illinois
March 6, 1967

Title FRANK LA PORTE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent Thomas
W. Parrish dated and captioned
as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.



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CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is an individual who is familiar with
organized criminal activity in southern Cook County Illinois.

CG T-2 is an individual who has some knowledge
of organized criminal activities in Chicago.

CG T-3 is an individual who is personally
acquainted with Frank La Porte.

CG T-4 is an individual who conducts investigations
for a believed business corporation.

CG T-5 is an individual who works for another
Governmental Investigative Agency.

CG T-6 is an individual who is employed in bank
circles in the Chicago area.

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TO DIRECTOR (92-5793)

FROM CHICAGO (92-920)

FRANK LA PORTE, AKA. AR. OO CHICAGO.

AS BUREAU AWARE LA PORTE ARRANGED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS LOAN AT MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK, CHICAGO, THROUGH [REDACTED] FORMER PRESIDENT OF BANK, FOR PURCHASE OF HEAVY DUTY TRUCKS TO BE USED IN FEDERAL HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION IN CALIFORNIA. LOAN MADE IN NAME OF LA PORTE'S BROTHER IN LAW JAMES ROSS. LOAN DELINQUENT AND BANK UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT HAS REPOSSESSED SEVEN OF TRUCKS. [REDACTED]

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INFORMANT WAS CONTACTED BY LA PORTE WHO ADMITTED TO INFORMANT AN INTEREST IN THIS LOAN AND STATED HE WAS GOING TO LOSE AN UNNAMED AMOUNT OF MONEY BECAUSE OF CHANGE IN BANK PERSONNEL. LA PORTE RELUCTANT TO TRAVEL TO CALIFORNIA TO PROTECT INVESTMENT BECAUSE OF LOCAL SUBPOENA THERE FOR HIM TO APPEAR.

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BEFORE GROUP INVESTIGATING FRATIANNO TRUCKING COMPANY TO
WHICH TRUCKS WERE LEASED. FRATIANNO KNOWN
LCN MEMBER AND CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF LA PORTE.
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FRANK LA PORTE, AKA. AR. OO CHICAGO.

AS BUREAU AWARE, [REDACTED] PARAMOUR OF FRANK LA PORTE,
WAS SERVED WITH FEDERAL SUBPOENA IN CHICAGO ON AUG TWENTY NINE
LAST IN CASE ENTITLED ALADENA T. FRATIENNO, ET AL; AR; FAG;
OO SAN DIEGO. *CAE*

AT TIME OF SERVICE [REDACTED] INDICATED SHE WAS DISPLEASED
WITH HER ASSOCIATION WITH LA PORTE BUT WAS AFRAID FOR HER
SAFETY. ON SEPT. SEVEN INSTANT SHE ADVISED THAT SHE HAD
CONTACTED LA PORTE AND TOLD HIM THAT SHE INTENDS TO HONOR
HER SUBPOENA, COMMIT NO PERJURY, ANSWER QUESTIONS AND WOULD
VOLUNTEER NOTHING THAT WOULD EMBARRASS HIM. SHE STATED THAT
LA PORTE WAS "UNHAPPY" BUT DID NOT THREATEN HER WITH
PHYSICAL HARM. SHE REFUSED TO SUBMIT TO INTERVIEW STATING
LA PORTE PROBABLY HAD HER UNDER OBSERVATION. SHE ADVISED
SHE WOULD CONTACT CHICAGO OFFICE FOLLOWING HER APPEARANCE

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BEFORE FGJ AND FURNISH AN ACCOUNT OF HER TESTIMONY AND
"POSSIBLY" FURNISH ADDITIONAL INFO ON LA PORTE.

[] KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN CONSTANT ASSOCIATE OF LA PORTE
FOR AT LEAST FOUR YEARS. [] HAS CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL
TO FURNISH INFO OF VALUE RE LA PORTE. DETAILED AIRTEL
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The Acting Attorney General

February 24, 1967

Director, FBI

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ALADENA T. FRATIANNO;
FRANK BOMPENSIERO;
FRANK LA PORTE;
LEO MOCERI;
ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE INFORMATION REQUEST

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. McAndrews
1 - Mr. Rutland

This will acknowledge receipt of the letter of Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., (FMV:ALA:lh) dated February 13, 1967, requesting information relating to electronic surveillance coverage of the above-captioned individuals.

Aladena Fratianno was never the direct subject of any electronic surveillance conducted by this Bureau. However, a conversation in which he was a participant was monitored on November 3, 1964, over a microphone located in the office of [REDACTED] San Francisco, California. This microphone was in operation from August 11, 1960, until July 12, 1965, and was installed under the general authority of the Attorney General of the United States. Former Attorney General Katzenbach was advised of this electronic surveillance by memorandum dated April 12, 1965, and approved its continuation. Fratianno was also monitored on an electronic surveillance covering Frank Bompensiero on July 3 and 4, 1965. Details relating to that particular electronic surveillance are set forth under coverage maintained on Frank Bompensiero.

Frank Bompensiero was the direct subject of an electronic surveillance conducted at his residence at 3838 Haines Street, San Diego, California, and at the Islandia Hotel in San Diego, California. This coverage was in effect from July 1, 1965, until July 12, 1965. Specific authority for this coverage was granted by former Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach on May 25, 1965. During the period that this surveillance was in existence, conversation between Bompensiero, Fratianno and Frank La Porte was monitored.

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The Acting Attorney General

Frank La Porte was the direct subject of an electronic surveillance which was located in the office of the Co-operative Music Company, 1728 Halstead Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. This coverage was in effect from October 29, 1964, to June 8, 1965, and was installed under the general authority of the Attorney General. Former Attorney General Katzenbach was advised of this electronic surveillance by memorandum dated April 14, 1965, and approved its continuation.

La Porte also participated in conversations on July 30, 1959, October 10, 1960, and November 15, 1960, which were monitored by an electronic surveillance device maintained at Celano's Tailor Shop, 620 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This installation was in operation from July 29, 1959, until August 22, 1963, and was installed under the general authority of the Attorney General. As noted heretofore, La Porte was monitored over the microphone coverage maintained on Frank Bompensiero in July of 1965.

Leo Mocerl was never the direct subject of any electronic surveillance nor was he present at, or a participant in, conversations monitored over any other electronic surveillance maintained by this Bureau.

Trespass was involved in the installation of each electronic surveillance device referred to previously.

None of the information received from any of these sources has ever been disseminated to the Internal Revenue Service. Copies of logs containing conversations of the captioned individuals are being directed to this Bureau. Upon their receipt, they will be forwarded to you. Your attention is directed to the fact that a portion of the conversation of Fratianno monitored on November 3, 1964, was held in Sicilian language. This was subsequently translated and the translation is attached to the log for that date.

You may desire to contact other Federal investigative agencies to determine if they maintained similar coverage on any of these persons.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

The Acting Attorney General

NOTE: Department has requested we furnish them any information relating to electronic coverage of aforementioned individuals who are the subjects of legal proceedings to be initiated by the Criminal Division. Chicago, San Diego and San Francisco have reviewed their indices and have furnished logs containing pertinent conversations of these persons which logs will be forwarded to the Department. Bureau indices and field office indices negative re Mocerri.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Thomas J. McAndrews
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : Henry Petersen, Chief
Criminal Division
Department of Justice

SUBJECT: ALADENA T. FRATIANNIO;
FRANK BOMPENSIERO;
FRANK LA PORTE;
RECEIPT FOR LOGS

DATE: February 27, 1967

This is to acknowledge receipt for copies of the following material which you furnished in connection with our request on the above:

1. One log of [] dated 11/3/64.
2. One volume of [] Sub A containing 7 serials.
3. One volume of [] Sub B containing 2 serials.
4. One each of following logs from CG 6795-C*

12/9/64	(92-350, Sub 12-6)
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Frank La Porte CG 6795-C* 92-5793
ENCLOSURE

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan.

Aladena T. Fratianno
Receipt for Logs

5. One log CG 6343-C* dated 7/30/59
(CG 92-350, Sub D-8)
6. One log CG 6343-C* dated 10/10/60
(CG 92-350, Sub D-261)
7. One log CG 6343-C* dated 11/15/60
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 11/29/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/2 - 10/30/67
TITLE OF CASE FRANK LA PORTE, aka		REPORT MADE BY THOMAS W. PARRISH	TYPED BY gas
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REFERENCES: Report of SA THOMAS W. PARRISH dated 3/6/67 at Chicago; Chicago airtel to San Diego dated 10/23/67, entitled, "FRANK BOMPENSIERO, aka, AR;" San Francisco report of SA [redacted] dated 9/27/67 entitled, "ALADENA T. FRATIENNO, aka, AR;" San Diego airtel to the Bureau dated 11/7/67 entitled, "LA COSA NOSTRA, AR-CONSPIRACY;" Chicago airtel to San Diego dated 11/7/67.

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LEADS

Leads to other field divisions are being set forth by separate communications as they are developed.

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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Will continue to investigate and report the activities of this subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The period of this report is extensive. It has been maintained in a current status through numerous interoffice communications. The subject's pertinent activities have been extensively reported by the San Diego and San Francisco Offices in cases captioned, "FRANK BOMPENSIERO, aka, AR," "ALADENA T. FRATIANNI, aka, AR," and "LA COSA NOSTRA, AR-CONSPIRACY." All additional pertinent information has been furnished to the Bureau by numerous teletypes reporting the subject's activities and those of his close associates. In the interest of brevity, information reported in above captioned cases is not being reset in the details of this report.

INFORMANTS

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date of Contact</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
CG T-1 [redacted]	October 8, 1967	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
CG T-2 [redacted]	August 12, 1967	"
CG T-3 PCI [redacted]	May 1, 1967	SA [redacted]
CG T-4 [redacted]	April 6, 1967	SA [redacted]
CG T-5 [redacted]	August 15, 1967	San Francisco Office
CG T-6 [redacted]	July 15, 1967	SA [redacted]

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Source

CG T-7

[REDACTED]

CG T-8

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Date of Contact

April 9, 1967

April 24, 1967

Contacting Agent

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
Date: November 29, 1967

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 92-920

Bureau File #: 92-5793

Title: FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject continues to maintain a residence at 1730 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois, and has been observed frequenting the Co-Op Music Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois. Subject also frequents the residence of his paramour, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Glenwood, Illinois. [REDACTED] banker [REDACTED] and LA PORTE's paramour [REDACTED] served with Federal Grand Jury subpoenas by Bureau Agents to appear in San Diego, California. [REDACTED] claimed 5th Amendment privilege on several occasions. [REDACTED] answered questions except for [REDACTED] Informants state subject spending most of his time in California and alleged that he is in semi-retirement as leader of organized criminal activity for Southern Cook County. Activities of LA PORTE and associates set forth.

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DETAILS:

Residence

Lieutenant [] Flossmoor, Illinois, Police Department, advised on October 28, 1967, that he continues to conduct frequent spot checks of the subject's residence at 1730 Cambridge Road. He advised that in the recent past he has seldom observed the subject or his car at that location. Lieutenant [] stated that his sources in Flossmoor advised that the subject's nephew, [] and his wife reside in LA PORTE's home and are responsible for the care of Mrs. LA PORTE, who is considered an invalid because of alcoholism and narcotic addiction.

Investigation by the San Francisco Office disclosed that a real estate salesman from Linden, California, sold the former residence of Mrs. JENNY GUADAGNOLO, sister of the subject, to an unknown party on July 20, 1967. Until the sale this residence had been occupied by an individual known as TONY FRANZE, brother-in-law of the subject. Investigation disclosed that LA PORTE intended to come to Linden to handle the paper work regarding the sale. It was noted that [] was also to appear before a Federal Grand Jury in San Diego on August 2, 1967.

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Contact with a neighborhood source in the vicinity of 410 Lynn Lane, Chicago Heights, Illinois, disclosed that [] had moved from her address at []. Source advised that "Stump the Mover" had picked up her furniture and transported it to an unknown location. Inquiry at "Stump's" Moving Company, Oak Lawn, Illinois, disclosed that on March 3, 1967, they had moved [] Glenwood, Illinois. Observation of this address disclosed that it is a new house with an estimated value of \$40,000. A 1966 Buick belonging to [] was observed in the driveway. It is noted that [] is an employee of the Co-Operative Music Company and a chauffeur for FRANK LA PORTE.

[] Vice President, Burnside Builders, Chicago Heights, Illinois, advised that he sold the home to [] Glenwood, Illinois. He stated that he did not realize until after the contract had been signed that the sale included dealing with FRANK LA PORTE whom he knows by reputation. He stated that the original basic price of the house was \$30,640 but that with numerous improvements it would probably now be valued in excess of \$40,000. He stated that as he recalls an unknown Italian heavy individual came into the office and paid \$2000 in cash as a deposit.

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[] came to the company on several occasions and was usually accompanied by two Italian individuals. He stated he is not positive but assumes that one of these individuals was FRANK LA PORTE. The purchaser agreed to furnish her own financing and he believes that the mortgage was obtained from the Citizens Federal Savings and Loan. It is noted that [] is a Director of the above institution and that previous investigation established that he is closely associated with LA PORTE in numerous financial transactions.

CG T-1 advised that when LA PORTE is in the Chicago Heights area he is in daily contact with [] who resides at [] Glenwood, Illinois. Source stated that as of August 29, 1967, [] obtained a new telephone number, 799 5147. Source stated that LA PORTE is very jealous of [] and that he frequently has his subordinates check on her faithfulness. The informant did not go into how these checks were conducted.

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Chief CASMIR LINKIEWICZ, Chief of Police, Calumet City, Illinois, advised in October 26, 1967, that he had conducted several spot check surveillances at the residence of [] but had not observed LA PORTE's car in the area.

Health

CG T-1 advised on October 9, 1967, that LA PORTE was suffering from poor health although from physical appearance he looks to be in good shape. Source stated that he has a heart condition which requires daily medication and in addition he is currently drinking to excess.

A nurse at St. James Hospital, Chicago Heights, Illinois, advised on April 31, 1967, that Mrs. MICKEY LA PORTE had been in the hospital during the month of March, 1967. There was no indication that she was ever visited by FRANK LA PORTE who supposedly was in California or Nevada. During the period she was hospitalized, Mrs. LA PORTE appeared to be concerned about her heart condition and worried that she may suffer a heart attack.

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Associates

GEORGE "BABE" TUFFANELLI,
Las Vegas, Nevada

III CG T-3 advised on May 1, 1967, that LA PORTE and TUFFANELLI have been close friends and associates for approximately 30 years. LA PORTE is also friendly with HY "RED" LARNER, who operates out of the Crossroads Restaurant at 153rd and Cicero. Over the years informant understood that LARNER and TUFFANELLI are enemies and will not speak to each other, although because of their connection with organized crime, they by necessity have numerous business interests. This "feud" took place approximately 10 years ago. Informant advised that on several occasions he has observed LA PORTE at the Crossroads Restaurant act as the intermediary between LARNER and TUFFANELLI.

III [redacted]
Hancock, Wisconsin

CG T-7 advised that [redacted] is an old time hoodlum who appears to be semi-retired. [redacted] presently operates a farm in Hancock for which he recently purchased 1500 head of cattle. Source said that [redacted] lists his assets as a million dollars. He originally got his monetary start in Chicago when he organized the bakery drivers into a union. He is an old bootlegger who was closely associated with Chicago Heights. He continues a close association with LA PORTE and frequently sees him when he visits Chicago approximately twice a month.

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[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois

Previous investigation established that [redacted] is a close associate of LA PORTE and has operated financial dealings for the benefit of LA PORTE. CG T-6 advised that he recently had an opportunity to talk with [redacted] following considerable newspaper notoriety interlocking [redacted] with a high risk insurance company known as Coronet Insurance Company, 2639 West Peterson, Chicago.

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Informant advised that he contacted [redacted] on June 28, 1967, at Coronet Office and at that time [redacted] denied any business dealings with LA PORTE. He subsequently admitted that he may have sold whiskey to LA PORTE for his group. When asked if he had maintained an interest in the Park Inn Liquors in Calumet City, he denied that LA PORTE was involved in it but admitted that AMOS AMADIO and [redacted] had an interest in it. [redacted] was questioned by the informant regarding a half million dollar real estate venture known as Normandy Villa and admitted an interest in it but stated he could not remember if LA PORTE "had a piece of the action." [redacted] then declined to answer any further questions and told the informant that all questions should be referred to his attorney, [redacted]. [redacted] Informant noted that another principle of Coronet was [redacted].

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The "Chicago Daily News", a daily newspaper, on July 19, 1967, contained an article which reads in part as follows:

"High Risk Insurance Firm Officials Linked to Hoods." The article referred to the Coronet Insurance Company and listed NORMAN SCHLOSSBERG, MAURICE OHREN, and others as being associates of LA PORTE and other Chicago hoodlums. The article connected the group with Normandy Villa, a real estate project in Chicago Heights, Park Inn Liquors, 442 State Line Road, Calumet City, a package liquor store, Crown Propellor Lounge, 868 East 63rd Street, Berkshire Lounge, 19 East Ohio Street, as well as the Progressive General Insurance Company. *11*

The article further stated that the Illinois Insurance Commission had these individuals under investigation and the possibility existed that the Coronet Insurance Company would be closed.

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MAURINO RICHTON
Mayor
Chicago Heights, Illinois

Previous investigation established that LA PORTE contributed large amounts of money to RICHTON's campaign for mayor of Chicago Heights. In addition, RICHTON was observed attending several functions sponsored by LA PORTE or his relatives. The Chicago Heights Star, a biweekly newspaper, contained an article on September 21, 1967, in which RICHTON filed suit in Circuit Court against real estate developer GENE FARINA and the 110-Dix Building Corporation, which controls a large office building in the Heights. The suit charged that FARINA sold RICHTON's interest in the corporation without his consent. RICHTON claimed that he deposited \$25,000 with the company to acquire the land in order to construct the building.

Sources had previously alleged that LA PORTE had backed RICHTON in the purchase of land on which the building was to be built.

Chief WILLIAM MC CARRON, Harvey, Illinois, Police Department, advised on September 14, 1967, that RICHTON had contacted him and requested his assistance in obtaining a new Chief of Police for Chicago Heights, Illinois, to replace Chief MARK ORLICK who had recently resigned. MC CARRON, a former Treasury Agent, sent two of his friends to talk with RICHTON. They advised him that RICHTON told both applicants that he, RICHTON, wanted a chief who would proceed against burglars and strong armed robbers and that he did not want them wasting their time fooling with gamblers and/or prostitutes. When both applicants stated they would take the job only on the condition that they would enforce all ordinances and laws of Chicago Heights, RICHTON announced at the next city council meeting that he had rejected the applicants because they lacked administrative experience.

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711 [redacted]
Chicago Heights

Detective [redacted] formerly Chicago Heights Police Department, advised on May 2, 1967, that he recently had a conversation with [redacted] who told him that the FBI had questioned him as to why FRANK LA PORTE's car was parked in his, [redacted] driveway. He stated that he had "lied" to the FBI and told [redacted] that the real reason was that he [redacted] is married to [redacted] daughter. [redacted] is employed by LA PORTE and on that particular day [redacted] stated that LA PORTE had an important meeting which he did not want to be followed to so he had [redacted] get [redacted] car so that LA PORTE could use it and he left LA PORTE's car for [redacted] to use. [redacted] employed as manager of the Model Finance Company which operates in Chicago Heights and Lansing, Illinois.

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[redacted] Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department, advised that he had heard that FRANK LA PORTE, [redacted] and others had a meeting during the first week of March at the Lake of the Four Seasons in Indiana. The purpose of the meeting was to organize a campaign in order to defeat anti-gambling legislation that was pending in the Indiana legislature. Local newspapers subsequently disclosed that the legislation had been defeated.

Illegal Activities

An official of the Merchantile National Bank, Chicago, Illinois, advised that on March 7, 1967, a Mr. DAVE VERMEER, an officer of the bank, travelled to California and recovered 7 large international tractors from JAMES FRATIENNO. The foreclosure of the trucks was a result of an \$180,000 loan made to JAMES ROSS, brother-in-law of FRANK LA PORTE. The officer stated that LA PORTE had an illegal interest in the loan. The trucks were recovered by a firm known as A. J. Rushford in Sacramento, California.

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CG T-4 advised that in a conversation with LA PORTE he learned that LA PORTE expected to lose approximately \$30,000 of his own money because of the foreclosure on trucks that were being used by the Fratianno Trucking Company. LA PORTE was extremely disgusted and claimed that he was no longer going to discuss money or business dealings with his relatives because they all turned out bad. LA PORTE also indicated that the reason he was losing the money was because of a change in bank personnel. Informant was of the opinion that LA PORTE had been closely associated with the president of the bank, [redacted] and had expected him to protect his investment.

CG T-2 advised that LA PORTE is now in semi-retirement as far as control of organized criminal activity in the southern suburbs is concerned. As a result, there is no leadership and this has resulted in numerous fights between opposing hoodlums. These fights have resulted in the murders of at least two individuals, [redacted] and LOUIS PRATICO, former bodyguard of LA PORTE and former Chicago Heights policeman.

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Relatives

CG T-8 advised on April 24, 1967, that he had recently learned that MARTIN PULCINI, brother-in-law of FRANK LA PORTE is presently employed as a laborer for [redacted] Stefanech Lawn Equipment, 1920 Plainfield Road, Joliet, Illinois. Informant learned that PULCINI worked 40 hours a week at \$2.50 an hour repairing and cleaning lawn mowers. PULCINI stated that he is the brother-in-law of FRANK LA PORTE and that he had previously been a collector in juke-box - cigarette vending machine business which was owned by LA PORTE. LA PORTE allegedly sold his interest in this business and as a result he, PULCINI, was fired. PULCINI claims that FRANK CURRY was responsible for him being fired. CURRY accused him of being a cheat and as a result, they had an argument and he was let go.

PULCINI stated that he is presently attempting to sell his home in Flossmoor, Illinois, for \$50,000 and if he is successful, he is interested in purchasing an A&W Root Beer franchise in the southern suburban area of Chicago.

On July 25, 1967, efforts were made to locate and interview Mr. and Mrs. TONY FRANZE, brother-in-law of FRANK LA PORTE. [REDACTED] Chicago Heights, Illinois, advised they are the operators of the Hilltop Apartments at the above address. ANTHONY "TONY" FRANZE and his wife reside directly above them on the first floor of the apartment complex. [REDACTED] stated that she is a personal friend of the FRANZES and frequently joined them for dinner. She described them as excellent tenants and that in the three years they have resided in the apartment they have caused absolutely no trouble. They have very few visitors and their only known friend in the apartment building is a [REDACTED] who recently moved.

According to [REDACTED] FRANZE is retired and spends most of his time in the apartment or at the home of his son. On July 1, 1967, they left for a month vacation with two of their grandchildren. The method of travel and destination was unknown except that they heard they were going west. The [REDACTED] advised that they have absolutely no information of any possible criminal activity on the part of FRANZE and are not acquainted with FRANK LA PORTE except through newspaper notoriety and to the best of their knowledge he has never visited the FRANZE apartment.

[REDACTED] Illinois State Police, advised on October 14, 1967, that he had recently received information that TONY FRANZE, as well as FRANK FRANZE, frequent DeMar's Restaurant, in Homewood, Illinois, during the late night hours. He is unable to learn the reason for the meetings or the individuals involved.

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The "Chicago Tribune", a daily newspaper, carried an article on April 15, 1967, entitled, "Tell How Mobsters Muscled in on Firms." Part of the article indicates that BARNEY POSS, owner and operator of the Valley Music Company, was extorted and lost his company. The article claimed that the purchaser was listed as FRANK FRANZE, a brother-in-law of FRANK LA PORTE, syndicate vice chief in southern Cook County, Illinois.

Legitimate Enterprises

The San Francisco Office advised that [redacted] has most of his money tied up in a new race horse slot-machine which will be distributed to Las Vegas casinos. Although [redacted] owns controlling interest in this operation, FRANK LA PORTE as well as others have invested money in the venture.

[redacted] President, Bally Mfg Co Company, Chicago, advised on October 4, 1967, that he is familiar with a slot-machine known as the race horse machine. He advised that the race horse machine is made by Spiro-Steptool Company, Elk Grove, a Chicago suburb. [redacted] advised that he owns 18 percent of the above company and that the company does not sell the machines but operates them on a lease basis. He stated that the machine is presently being operated in the State of Nevada. [redacted] advised that he has heard that HOWARD HUGHES is attempting to get control of the machines and that it is possible that other companies are manufacturing the same type; however, the original machine was developed by an engineer named [redacted] who is presently with Automatic Canteen Company of Chicago. [redacted] advised that the name [redacted] is unknown to him.

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Acting Chief of Police JACK ZIEGLER, Chicago Heights, Illinois, Police Department, advised that the local Oldsmobile dealership in Chicago Heights has been changed to the name of [redacted] It was supposedly bought out by LA PORTE and his associates. The current salesmen include [redacted]

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ex-convict, and well known pimp and burglar RICH and SAM GUZZINO, former Chicago Heights bookmakers and pimps and [redacted] recently convicted in federal court for ITSMV. This information was furnished to [redacted] (former Special Agent), Chief Investigator for Illinois Secretary of State's Office, who advised that it may be possible to deny a dealer's license based on the bad general reputation of the individuals involved.

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CG T-2 advised he was able to obtain a copy of the balance sheet for the Co-Operative Music Company from December 1, 1963, to November 30, 1964, and a copy of the profit and loss statement from December 1, 1962, to November 30, 1963 for the same firm.

CO-OPERATIVE MUSIC CO.
1728 HALSTED STREET
CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

BALANCE SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR DECEMBER 1, 1963 ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1964

ASSETS:

Cash on Hand and in Bank		\$ 6,940.94
Notes Receivable from Customers		36,662.77
Inventory		33,885.59
Prepaid Insurance		363.43
	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>77,852.73</u>
Building and other Fixed Assets		
Less: Reserve for Depreciation	\$737,217.67	
	<u>615,584.88</u>	
Land		121,632.79
	TOTAL ASSETS	2,000.00
		<u>\$201,485.52</u>

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Accounts Payable		\$ 2,426.73
Accrued Social Security & With Tax		437.60
Partners Capital Accounts		198,621.19
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL	<u>\$201,485.52</u>

1728 HALSTED STREET
CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR DECEMBER 1, 1962 ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1963

Gross Receipts and Sales for Period	\$ 458,642.68	
Less: Cost of Goods Sold	250,731.24	
	<u>207,911.44</u>	
Gross Profit	2,363.75	
Income from Rents	58.27	
Net Gain on Sale of Equipment		
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 210,333.46

Expenses Paid:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 43,595.59	
Payments to Partners - Salaries	12,070.21	
Rent Paid	700.00	
Taxes	3,593.64	
Depreciation of Equipment	37,078.01	
Telephone	5,808.36	
Delivery Expenses	3,605.72	
Car Allowances to Salesmen	12,677.80	
Advertising - Directories, etc.	1,866.31	
Insurance	2,620.72	
Electricity - Gas	1,062.94	
Postage - Stationery - Office Expenses	1,292.42	
Freight - Repairs, and Other Expenses	2,811.90	
Building Expenses	<u>6,544.24</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 135,327.86
NET PROFIT FOR FISCAL PERIOD		\$ 75,005.60

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JOSEPH W. NOWAK, Mayor, Calumet City, Illinois, advised that he received a letter dated June 5, 1967, from [redacted] a local real estate dealer. [redacted] requested NOWAK to advise if he could obtain a liquor license and restaurant license for properties purchased by [redacted] Calumet City. The intention was to construct and operate a supper club with seating accommodations for 100 persons. The capital investment for land, building and fixtures was estimated at \$200,000. It is noted that GUZZINO's brother, JOSEPH, was in daily contact with LA PORTE until his recent death.

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Miscellaneous

On June 5, 1967, a Federal Grand Jury subpoena was served on [redacted] in Chicago Heights, Illinois. [redacted] was ordered to report to San Diego, California, to appear before the Federal Grand Jury. When [redacted] was approached by Bureau agents he admitted his identity and accepted the subpoena. Questions were directed to him regarding his background and he advised that he had no comments to make to any member of the FBI except that he would refuse to accept a subpoena listed for [redacted] because it did not share his name and further that he had no records. [redacted] evidenced a polite but antagonistic attitude and asked if he could leave to conduct his other business affairs as he had no wish to engaged in conversation with members of the FBI.

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CAIS On the same day, [redacted] Illinois, was served with a subpoena and furnished no pertinent information. Federal subpoenas were also served on [redacted] All indicated they would honor the subpoenas and appear in San Diego as directed. None furnished any pertinent information regarding [redacted]

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CG T-3 advised that FRANK LA PORTE dines at least once every other week at the Ranch House located at 124th and Halsted Streets. His usual dinner companion is BABE TUFFANELLI.

On October 3, 1967, LA PORTE was observed leaving the Co-Operative Music Company at 3:30 p.m. accompanied by [REDACTED]

CG T-3 advised that Savoia Restaurant in Chicago Heights is a hangout and meeting place for the criminal element. This is a plush location and the operators cooperate completely with FRANK LA PORTE, who is a frequent visitor to the restaurant. LA PORTE also frequents the Chicago Macaroni which is owned by [REDACTED]

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CG T-2 advised that he observed TONY FRANZE and FRANK LA PORTE on September 15, 1967, at Joe Dell's Supper Club in Dalton, Illinois. FRANZE indicated that he is working as a cigar salesman and knows that he is selling Perfecto Garcia Ensigns. He was unable to learn the name of the Company or its location that FRANZE works for. LA PORTE did not enter into the conversation with the owner and it appeared that he was simply a travelling companion with FRANZE.

Informant advised that he also learned that the outfit has a gambling game at the Lincoln Athletic Club on 14th Street in Chicago Heights. The game is operated by a brother of a Chicago Heights policeman.



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 92-920

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois
November 29, 1967

Title

FRANK LA PORTE

Character

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference

is made to report of Special Agent
Thomas W. Parrish at Chicago dated
and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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COMMUNICATION SECTION

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (92-920) 2P

FRANK LA PORTE, AKA. AR. OO CHICAGO.

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Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

ON JAN. TEN LAST [REDACTED] OBSERVED RALPH PIERCE AND LES KRUSE, TOP LEADERS OF ORGANIZED CRIME IN CHICAGO, MEET WITH [REDACTED] CHICAGO HOODLUM ATTORNEY, UNSUB AND PERSON HE SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED AS FRANK LA PORTE, A TOP LEADER OF ORGANIZED CRIME IN SOUTHERN COOK COUNTY AREA. INFORMANT ADVISED MEETING TOOK PLACE IN PRIVATE OFFICE OF TURNER-FAGMAN'S CUSTOM CLOTHING STORE IN SHERMAN HOUSE HOTEL; CHICAGO LOOP.

[REDACTED] CONTACTED JAN. SIXTEEN LAST. FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH KRUSE AND [REDACTED] PC CONFIRMED THAT PERSON MEETING WITH PIERCE, KRUSE AND [REDACTED] JAN. TEN LAST WAS LA PORTE. HE ADVISED LA PORTE BROUGHT UNSUB INTO LOOP AREA TO MEET CONCERNING LEGAL PROBLEM WITH [REDACTED]

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AND FOLLOWING MEETING IN [REDACTED] OFFICE, LA PORTE AND
UNSUB MET WITH PIERCE AND KRUSE AT TURNER-FAGMAN'S. ALTHOUGH
NEITHER INFORMANT NOR PC COULD IDENTIFY UNSUB, PC ADVISED
HE IS "ONE OF FRANKIE'S GUYS." FROM DESCRIPTION FURNISHED
BY INFORMANT APPEARS LIKELY UNSUB IS IN FACT JOHN ZARANTE,
CHICAGO HEIGHTS RESTAURANT OWNER AND CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF LA PORTE.

PC ADVISED [REDACTED] IS NOW SPENDING MOST OF HIS TIME IN
CHICAGO AREA FOLLOWING HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE FGJ IN SAN DIEGO
RECENTLY. PC STATED [REDACTED] ORDINARILY SPENDS MOST OF HIS TIME
WITH FRANCIS CURRY, LEADER OF ORGANIZED CRIME IN JOLIET, ILL.,
AREA WHICH ADJOINS LA PORTE'S TERRITORY IN CHICAGO HEIGHTS,
ILL., AREA, BUT THIS IS NOT TRUE AT PRESENT SINCE CURRY IS VERY
SICK.

PC CLAIMS LA PORTE NO LONGER CONTROLS ORGANIZED CRIME
IN SOUTHERN COOK COUNTY AND SITUATION THERE IS SUCH THAT
SEVERAL HOODLUMS NOW EXERCISE VARYING DEGREES OF CONTROL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/18/67

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE, aka
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Bufile No: 92-5793
San Francisco File No: 92-302
Sacramento File No: 92-16

Due to the opening of the Sacramento Office, the following action is being taken in the captioned matter:

A. LOCATION OF FILE

1. () Entire file transferred to Sacramento herewith.
2. (XX) File transferred to Sacramento except one copy of following serials retained at San Francisco.

(See attached page).

3. () File retained at San Francisco but one copy of the following serials transferred to Sacramento:

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Volume 8

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 3/20/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/1/67 - 3/15/68
TITLE OF CASE FRANK LA PORTE, aka.		REPORT MADE BY SA THOMAS W. PARRISH	TYPED BY flk
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

REFERENCES: Chicago report of SA THOMAS W. PARRISH dated 11/29/67.
 San Francisco letter to Chicago dated 11/29/67.
 Chicago letter to New York dated 1/2/68.
 Chicago teletype to the Bureau dated 1/17/68.
 Chicago airtel to Las Vegas dated 2/7/68.
 New York letter to Chicago dated 2/28/68.

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LEADS

Leads to other field divisions are being set forth in separate communications.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to report the subject's activities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED - NONE						ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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	CC. AAG, Criminal Division,		
	Organized Crime and Racketeering		
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Notations

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ADMINISTRATIVE

An information copy of this report is furnished to San Diego in view of their continuing interest in this subject.

San Diego Office advised that AUSA JOHN A. MITCHELL is handling the prosecution against the subject's close associate, ALADENA T. FRATIANNO. He advised that he has decided to wait until the prosecution is completed before he re-orders [redacted] to appear before the Federal Grand Jury. He intends to question them regarding [redacted]

[redacted] Mr. MITCHELL claims he has found a suitable statute under the Interstate Commerce Act to grant them immunity. He has consulted with the Department of Justice and expects to be able to obtain this immunity. After granting immunity to [redacted] he will request contempt citation if they refuse to answer. MITCHELL does not feel that he can pursue this line until after the completion of prosecution against FRATIANNO.

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INFORMANTS

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
CG T-1 is [redacted] By Request	3/7/68	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
CG T-2 is [redacted] Chicago Heights Police Department By Request	3/15/68	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH and SA [redacted]
CG T-3 is [redacted]	12/13/67 2/26/68	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
CG T-4 is [redacted] PCI	12/22/67	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
CG T-5 is [redacted]	1/10/68	SA [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
Date: 3/20/68

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 92-920

Bureau File #: 92-5793

Title: FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject LA PORTE was admitted to the St. James Hospital, Chicago Heights, Illinois, on 3/5/68, with "severe chest pains". He continues to be confined at the hospital and is listed as in "fair" condition. He previously frequented the Cooperative Music Company and the residence of his paramour on nearly a daily basis. Informants continue to advise that subject is in semi-retirement as leader of organized crime in Southern Cook County, Illinois. Informants state that the new Chief of Police for Chicago Heights, GEORGE SPRAGUE, will cooperate with the outfit while other informants state new chief will attempt to destroy outfit influence in Chicago Heights. LA PORTE alleged to be financially backing gambling establishment in Nevada. [redacted] expected to be recalled before Federal Grand Jury, San Diego, California, in early summer.

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DETAILS:

Residence

Lieutenant [redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois, Police Department, advised on February 7, 1968, that he and his fellow officers continue to conduct frequent spot checks of the subject's residence at 1730 Cambridge Road. Lieutenant [redacted] stated that it appears that the subject's nephew, [redacted] and his wife continue to be responsible for the care of Mrs. LA PORTE who is considered an invalid because of alcoholism and narcotic addiction. LA PORTE's car is frequently observed in the driveway of his sister, Mrs. TED BARTUSIEWICZ who resides next door to LA PORTE. Lieutenant [redacted] is of the opinion that LA PORTE parks his car in the driveway and uses the underground tunnel to proceed to his own residence.

Lieutenant [redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois, Police Department, advised on February 26, 1968, that in the recent past he has frequently observed LA PORTE being dropped off at the residence of his paramour, HARRIET POSEY, 1105 Indiana, Glenwood, Illinois. He is usually driven there by his employee, [redacted]. Lieutenant [redacted] advised that he also frequently sees LA PORTE enter the Cooperative Music Company at 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

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Chief of Police CASMIR LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, Illinois, Police Department, advised on February 15, 1968, that he has conducted numerous spot check surveillances at the residence of Mrs. MARGARET MC GINNIS, 331 Warren Avenue, and has observed LA PORTE's car at that residence on only one occasion.

Health

CG T-1 advised that ERANK LA PORTE was admitted to the St. James Hospital, Chicago Heights, Illinois, on March 5, 1968. He complained of "severe chest pains" and was assigned a room on the third floor of the hospital. On March 7, 1968, his condition was listed as "fair". He was brought to the hospital by [redacted]. CG T-1 further advised that LA PORTE is allowed very few visitors and was unable to identify any of the individuals who have visited with him.

He is not allowed to have a telephone in his room. Informant expressed the personal opinion that the subject suffered a heart attack and based this opinion on the fact that he has been receiving heart medication for the past two or three years.

Associates

JOHN ZERANTI
Chicago Heights, Illinois

CG T-2 advised that although LA PORTE appears to be in semi-retirement as a leader of organized crime in Southern Cook County his close associate, JOHN ZERANTI, continues to act as liaison between the outfit and Chicago Heights politicians. Local politicians are frequently observed entering ZERANTI's restaurant on 14th Street in Chicago Heights and engaging in conversation with ZERANTI. Informant advised that in the past ZERANTI has contacted un-named members of the Chicago Heights Police Department in an effort to determine if gambling will again be tolerated by the Department. Informant advised that the new Chief of Police for Chicago Heights, GEORGE SPRAGUE, appears to be sincere in his efforts to reduce control of the Police Department by organized crime. Informant advised that he is of the opinion that the police now have authority to make any gambling arrests without first clearing with the Chief. Informant advised he is positive that individual officers continue to cooperate with the outfit in protecting the few "sneak" gambling games that operate in the village. Informant advised that LA PORTE's control of the department has decreased considerably. He pointed out that a few years ago ZERANTI would come to the police department with numerous envelopes containing money to be distributed to practically every officer on the force. On other occasions a police officer, usually [redacted] (phonetic) would go to the Cooperative Music Company and obtain the envelopes. Informant further advised that the Chicago Heights Police Department is presently in the process of obtaining bids from the local car dealers to supply three new squad cars for the department. He advised that he was told by the local Chevrolet dealer that he, the dealer, and other dealers had been contacted by un-named individuals and told that they could not bid under a certain figure as it had already been determined that the cars would be purchased from Jack Brown Buicks in Chicago Heights. The informant advised that he has heard

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rumors in the past that the Brown Buick Company was financially supported by outfit money. It should be noted that in the past LA PORTE and his close associates have always purchased their privately owned automobiles from Jack Brown Buick. However, all their 1968 automobiles are Oldsmobiles purchased from Willard Olds in Chicago Heights. Willard Olds employs at least two ex-convicts as salesmen.

JOE BARRETT
16th Street
Chicago Heights, Illinois

BARRETT has operated the Vagabond Lounge at the Abbott Hotel for numerous years as a house of prostitution. He also operated a house of prostitution at Godley's. Based upon information furnished by the FBI the house at Godley, Illinois, was raided by troopers of the Illinois State Police.

On February 26, 1968, CG T-3 advised that a friend of his who associates with the hoodlum element in Chicago Heights, Illinois, recently advised that while FRANK LA PORTE was in California BARRETT opened a small restaurant known as the Coffee And, 1700 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. BARRETT had five girls prostituting from the location. LA PORTE returned to Chicago Heights and told BARRETT that even during the 1920's the outfit was not brazen enough to operate openly in the downtown section of Chicago Heights and that BARRETT should close the restaurant immediately. The following day the restaurant was closed and BARRETT continues to pay rent without receiving any income.

Lajolla, California

The San Diego Office advised that [] a wealthy home builder who moved from Chicago to Lajolla and who has been used by hoodlums in the Chicago area as a contractor having done business with LA PORTE, MANNIE SKAR and others, is now attempting to develop two large real estate and construction projects in that area. One is the building of 36 homes on expensive acreage in Lajolla. The other is a development above West Gate in San Diego. [] claims he now has \$350,000 but needs \$500,000 to start the project. He is alleged to have partners in the midwest and the Chicago area who will furnish these funds to him.

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Illegal Activities

CG T-5 advised on January 10, 1968, that RALPH PIERCE and LES KRUSE, both leaders of organized crime in Chicago, met with [redacted] Chicago hoodlum attorney. There was one other unknown person with them who the informant subsequently identified as being identical with FRANK LA PORTE. The meeting took place in the private office of Turner-Fagmans Custom Clothing Store in the Sherman House Hotel, Chicago.

San Diego Office advised that the Federal trial of ALADENA T. FRATTIANNI and his wife, [redacted] is expected to take place on May 28, 1968. It is noted that LA PORTE allegedly procured \$300,000 for the purchase of trucking equipment and which equipment is involved in the FRATTIANNI trial.

The Los Angeles Office advised that FRANK SORCIA (Phonetic) is being financially backed for a gambling establishment in Fallon, Nevada, by FRANK LA PORTE. No additional information is currently available regarding the amount of money that LA PORTE has furnished for this endeavor.

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The Sacramento Office furnished the following information:

On January 18, 1968, [redacted] Ted Clark Realty Company, Stockton, California, advised that the approval of the loan to [redacted] had been received on that date from the Eureka Federal Savings and Loan, Santa Rosa, California. On January 23, 1968, [redacted] advised that an escrow check made by the Security Title Company, Stockton, California, drawn on the Wells Fargo Bank dated January 22, 1968, in the amount \$34,954.54 bearing numbers 28459 was sent to FRANK and MARGARET LA PORTE at Chicago Heights, Illinois.

CG T-3 advised on February 26, 1968, that he had a recent conversation with an employee of the Cooperative Music Company and he was told that LA PORTE has all his people buying Oldsmobiles from the Willard Olds Company in Chicago Heights because it has been purchased by the outfit and most of the salesmen are individuals that were formerly on the outfit's gambling payroll. Informant further advised that the "big money" for the outfit at the present time is being made by setting up phony mortgage companies and obtaining large "finders fees" from individuals and companies that are having trouble with their financing.

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CG T-4 advised that the subject's nephew, FRANK LUZI, is not working for the outfit any longer since his divorce from his wife. LUZI is presently employed at an employment company in Chicago and is commuting every day as he is residing with his parents in Chicago Heights, Illinois. Informant stated that LA PORTE appears to be rapidly disassociating himself with the every day business of controlling organized crime in Southern Cook County.

The San Diego Office advised that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] are expected to be recalled before the Federal Grand Jury, San Diego, California, in the early summer of 1968.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
March 20, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. CG 92-920

Title FRANK LA PORTE

Character ANTI-RACETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent Thomas W. Parrish dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: Jan 31
FMV:GS:bjk
82-012

FROM: Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Electronic Surveillance

Anthony J. Accardo aka Joe Batters Charles English aka Charles Cook
11407 Ashland Avenue 1131 Lathrop
River Forest, Illinois River Forest, Illinois
FBI# 1410 106 FBI# 379 3728
DOB 4/28/06, Chicago, Illinois DOB 11/17/14, Chicago, Illinois

Frank LaPorte aka Frank Lane
1730 Cambridge Road
Flossmoor, Illinois
FBI# 261 150E
DOB 10/7/01, Sandrose or Sambiase, Italy

The above-named individuals are the subjects of investigations in the Chicago area.

Would you please advise us as to each individual on this list as soon as possible:

(a) Whether the named individual appears to be present at, or a participant in, conversations overheard in any electronic surveillance by your agency.

(b) If he was, did the electronic surveillance consist of wiretapping or an electronic eavesdropping device.

(c) If the latter, please advise us of the method of entry utilized in the placement of the device.

(d) Was the information from any such device disseminated in any manner to any other agency. If so, when and to whom.

(e) Did the information from any such device appear directly or indirectly in any reports made in reference to the individual by your agency. If so, would you please advise us of the reports in which such information appeared and if the information was attributed to a "T" symbol, the designation of that symbol in the pertinent report.

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Mr. DeLoach	
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The Attorney General

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February 15, 1968

Director, FBI (62-318)

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. McAndrews
1 - Mr. Decker

ANTHONY J. ACCARDO
ET AL.
ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE

Reference is made to the memorandum of Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, dated January 29, 1968, requesting a check of our electronic surveillance records on Anthony J. Accardo, Charles English, and Frank LaPorte.

Our records indicate that Charles English, while not the subject of direct electronic surveillance coverage, was present at and a participant in conversations in the presence of microphones designated as CG 6486-C* installed to afford coverage at the Armory Lounge, Forest Park, Illinois, and CG 6343-C* installed to afford coverage at Celano's Custom Tailor Shop, Chicago, Illinois. Each of these microphones, which involved trespass, was installed under the general authority of the Attorney General. CG 6486-C* was in operation from August 16, 1961, to June 8, 1965, and CG 6343-C* was in operation from July 29, 1959, to August 22, 1963.

Information concerning Frank LaPorte was set forth in my memorandum to the Acting Attorney General dated February 24, 1967, captioned, "Aladena T. Fratianno; Frank Bompensiero; Frank LaPorte; Leo Mocer; Electronic Surveillance Information Request."

None of the information from the above coverage was incorporated into any reports prepared by this Bureau and no dissemination of this information was made in any manner to any agency.

Anthony J. Accardo, while not the subject of direct electronic surveillance coverage, was present at or monitored by the same microphones which covered Charles English, the details of which are set forth above in this memorandum.

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The Attorney General

Information concerning Accardo obtained from CG 6343-C* appears in the following reports under the T-symbol as indicated. Reports of Special Agent [redacted] dated September 4, 1959, T-2; October 27, 1959, T-3; March 28, 1961, T-6; August 11, 1961, T-2; November 21, 1961, T-2 and T-3; May 31, 1962, T-2; December 19, 1962, T-2. Also, information from CG 6343-C* is set forth in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 13, 1962, under the symbol T-1. All of the above reports have been previously furnished to the Department with the exception of the reports of Special Agent [redacted] dated September 4, 1959, and October 27, 1959. These two reports will be furnished to you separately.

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Information concerning Accardo which was obtained from CG 6466-C* appears in the following reports of Special Agent [redacted] under the symbols as indicated. Reports dated May 31, 1962, T-12; December 19, 1962, T-12; February 20, 1963, T-4; June 13, 1963, T-3; December 27, 1963, T-5. Copies of each of these reports were previously furnished to the Department.

None of the information contained in these reports as attributed to the T-symbols as described above was disseminated in any manner to any other agency.

It is suggested that other Federal investigative agencies be contacted to determine if they had coverage of the above individuals.

In the event the Department decides to make a disclosure of the above coverage, it would be appreciated if you would advise this Bureau.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

The Attorney General

NOTE: The Criminal Division of the Department, by memorandum dated January 29, 1968, requested a check of our electronic records on the above individuals. However, no request was made for any logs. The requested check has been completed and the results are now being furnished to the Department.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 7/11/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/2 - 7/1/68
TITLE OF CASE FRANK LA PORTE, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA THOMAS W. PARRISH	TYPED BY kms
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 San Diego airtel to Director dated 6/4/68.

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LEADS

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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS. Will continue to report subject's activities.

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An information copy of this report is furnished to the San Diego Office in view of their continuing interest in this subject.

INFORMANTS

Source

Date Contacted

Agent

CG T-1

3/29/68

SA THOMAS W. PARRISH

[REDACTED]
(By Request)

CG T-2

5/9/68

SA [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
Date: 7/11/68

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File #: 92-920

Bureau File #: 92-5793

Title: FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject LA PORTE released from St. James Hospital
3/20/68. LA PORTE and two brother-in-laws served
with Federal Subpoenas to appear USDC San Diego.
Subject's associate JAMES FRATIENNO convicted CALIF.
USDC San Diego. LA PORTE's activities set forth.

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DETAILS:

Residence

Lieutenant [] Flossmoor, Illinois, Police Department, advised on June 6, 1968, that he and his fellow officers continue to conduct frequent spot checks of the subject's resident at 1730 Cambridge Road. Several autos have been observed in the driveway at various times; however, these appear to be guests of the subject's nephew, ROGER FRANZE, who continues to be responsible for LA PORTE's wife. Lieutenant [] advised that the subject continues to park his auto in the driveway of his sister Mrs. BARTUSIEWICZ. He advised further that he understood that LA PORTE was expected to leave the Chicago area and travel to the residence of his sister in California.

Captain [] Chicago Heights Police Department, advised that some of his officers have stated that the subject is reportedly living with [] Glenwood, Illinois. He stated spot checks of the area have failed to indicate the subject's auto is kept at that location.

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Previous investigation indicated the subject was attempting to sell his property at Linden, California, to a []. The Sacramento Office advised that records of the Stockton Credit Bureau concerning [] Linden, California, reflected that as of February 19, 1968, [] was listed as the owner of the Stockton Door Company, 433 West Scott Street, Stockton. Credit information on file reflected [] was formerly affiliated with the California Wood Products Company, Santa Rosa, California, where he terminated on May 10, 1967. [] had a record of credit dealings in Ukiah, California, all of which are satisfactory.

Records of the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office, as checked by [] Records Bureau, and the Stockton Police Department, as checked by []

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[redacted] on February 27, 1968, failed to disclose any record for [redacted] or his spouse.

It is to be noted that [redacted] purchased the home and property in Linden, California, from FRANK LA PORTE in January of 1968, and this property is located directly south of the subject's brother-in-law, RAY L. GUADAGNOLO. GUADAGNOLO, according to information in the California Division of Motor Vehicles, Division of Drivers' Licenses, described him as a white male, born July 18, 1930, 6'1", 180 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, California license V611099, issued February 28, 1968.

On March 28, 1968, [redacted] also known as [redacted] was contacted at the place of his business. He advised that he would willingly furnish information concerning visits of the subject to Linden, California, on a confidential basis. He stated that he believes the subject is planning on visiting in Linden within the next two months in connection with a trip to the West Coast, according to information furnished by RAY GUADAGNOLO. He states that in the past, the subject has been accompanied by his brother-in-law, name not recalled, who is approximately 40 years of age, about 5'10", dark hair, medium-heavy build, who appears to be very attentive to orders given by the subject.

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Health

Subject released from the St. James Hospital, Chicago Heights, Illinois, on March 20, 1968. CG T-1 advised that the subject is to maintain minimum activity and to report to Dr. [redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois, at least twice a week. Informant stated that LA PORTE appeared to look very healthy and the rest he received in the hospital has improved his general condition.

Associates

FRANK LUZI
Chicago Heights, Illinois

Chief FRED MOHR, Dolton Police Department, advised that he observed the subject's nephew FRANK

~~FRANK~~ LUZI, working as a bartender in the Dorchester Inn, Dolton, Illinois. LUZI has lost about 30 pounds and appears to be in poor health. LUZI advised him that he only works part time as a bartender and continues to be employed in Chicago for an unnamed company. MOHR stated he is of the opinion that LUZI is no longer associated with the subject and is finding it difficult to earn a living. He advised that LUZI is probably afraid to engage in any illegal activity because he knows the subject will not assist or intervene with local authorities as he has done in the past.

~~FRANK~~ FRANZE
1614 Cambridge Road
Flossmoor, Illinois

FRANZE was interviewed on April 2, 1968, and advised that he and the subject were partners in the Co-Op Music Company. He admitted they had other partners but refused to name them. He denied any illegal activity was conducted on the premises and that he ran the company as a completely legitimate business because he knew the Internal Revenue Service was always attempting to discover an error in order to embarrass his brother-in-law, FRANK LA PORTE. FRANZE furnished no information of value.

~~ANTHONY~~ FRANZE
427 Hickory
Chicago Heights, Illinois

FRANZE was interviewed at the time he was served with a federal subpoena. He advised that he is no longer engaged in any type of gambling activity. He advised that he is employed as a "Cigar Salesman" and that he works every day from 6:30 a.m. until about 2:30 in the afternoon. He refused to identify the name of the employer claiming that if the Chicago Crime Commission obtained the information, they would immediately claim it was part of the Mafia. FRANZE advised that he would not be able to furnish any information regarding the Fratianno Trucking Company and was not aware of any illegal activity they had ever engaged in. He requested the interview be terminated.

JAMES ROSS
247 Bradley Avenue
Chicago Heights, Illinois

ROSS was interviewed at the time he was served with a federal subpoena. He stated that he was suffering from a heart condition and was unable to do any type of work. He advised that he had no information of value and refused to discuss his activities.

CG T-2 advised on May 9, 1968, that the owners of the Alibi Tavern, Joliet, Illinois, had been contacted by [] (LNU) of the Co-Op Music Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois. The owner indicated he had had trouble obtaining a liquor license. JIMMY replied that had he known it, he could have handled it because they have a contact on the Liquor Commission. Informant advised that JIMMY was driving a late model Pontiac with license CG2022. This vehicle is registered to JAMES VINCENT ROSS, 247 Bradley, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

[] owner, Golden Horseshoe, 11th and Halsted, Chicago Heights, was contacted on June 12, 1968. He furnished the following information:

He has been in the Chicago area for approximately six years. He was an entertainer and approximately three years ago purchased the club from the former owner. He understood that it was actually owned by RALPH EMERY. He checked with FRANK LA PORTE and determined that his group would not object to his operation of the club provided he buy his cigarettes and music from the "right" people". [] had been a customer of his and always paid his bar bills. [] advised that on one occasion he became hard up for money and [] drove him to two attorneys near 165th and Halsted. He was to get a loan of \$10,000, but it never came about as his financial picture improved. Later [] attempted to sell him "protection" and he refused. Several times his windows were broken and he called the local Chicago Heights Police and told them that [] was the one that was having the windows broken. Shortly after the call, [] (LNU) came to the club and physically beat him and threatened his wife. [] continued to come into the Club and has not paid his bills. On other occasions [] and his unknown friends would come into

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the club and pull the main fuses and insult the customers. [] advised that he was afraid to call the police as it was apparent the police were under the control of []. He contacted some people that he thought were connected with LA PORTE and sent word that [] was ruining his business. He received word from the cigarette man that [] had been told to stop harassing []. Later [] came into the club and stated that he understood [] had gone to LA PORTE but that it would do him no good because he, [] was with JIMMY CATUARA who will let him do what he wants. Soon after that, [] was put in jail and he had no more trouble except that two or three individuals came to [] and stated he did a bad thing when he appeared in federal court and testified that [] had hit him.

Activities

Subject was served a federal subpoena on April 2, 1968, as he was attempting to enter the medical offices of the 10th Street Clinic, Chicago Heights, Illinois. He accepted the subpoena without incident but stated he would attempt to avoid appearing because of his poor health. He stated he would have his attorney handle the matter. LA PORTE furnished no information of value.

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CG T-3 advised that LA PORTE and his associates are alleged to have a taxicab franchise in either Miami or Miami Beach, Florida.

On May 28, 1968, [] Investigator, CII, advised that he had received information that the subject and his brother-in-laws had departed Chicago in a Chrysler Imperial on May 22 - 23, 1968, for San Diego. They intend to stay at Kings Inn, San Diego. Other sources advise they intend to stay at the Hanalet Hotel.

Previous investigation indicated that subject was intending to invest an unknown amount of money into a gambling establishment in Nevada. [] Reno, Nevada, was alleged to be involved with LA PORTE in this venture.

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AT CARSON CITY, NEVADA

Investigator [redacted] Nevada Gaming Control Board, on March 13, 1968, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] has been a Pit Boss at Harold's Club, Reno, until he was fired about 1957 or 1958. Also during this period of time, [redacted] was an associate of [redacted] a crossroader and cheater, known to the Gambling Control Board. [redacted] is presently in difficulties due to his operation of the "Little Brown Jug", a bar in downtown Reno. [redacted] is being charged by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit Investigators with rebottling liquor. During 1958, [redacted] was observed as an associate of [redacted] and also in contact with [redacted] at [redacted] home located at 670 Catherine Place, Reno, Nevada. [redacted] stated that at no time has source ever denied his association with [redacted] and apparently has had little contact with him, since [redacted] returned to Nevada, approximately a year ago. [redacted] further advised that there had been rumors in the past, that [redacted] was connected with the LCN; however this information has been unverified, and appeared to be without foundation. [redacted] said [redacted] is undoubtedly acquainted with some LCN members, but there has been no investigation substantiating that [redacted] has ever had financial dealings or backing from the LCN. [redacted] said that this was obvious, inasmuch as [redacted] was working for low wages at the Stockman's Bar, and Casino Fallon, Nevada, at the present time. He estimated that [redacted] was employed at possibly \$10.00 to \$15.00 a shift, and that the Stockman's Casino was an operation, such as the LCN would never consider becoming involved. [redacted] stated The Stockman's is located on U.S. Highway 50, just north of the outskirts of Fallon, Nevada.

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The San Diego Office advised that the subject's associate JAMES FRATIANNO was convicted in United States District Court, San Diego, on a charge involving the FRATIANNO Trucking Company.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
July 11, 1968

Title FRANK LA PORTE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent
Thomas W. Parrish, dated
and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 10/14/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/11 - 9/30/68
TITLE OF CASE FRANK LA PORTE, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA THOMAS W. PARRISH	TYPED BY eje
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REFERENCES: San Diego letter to Chicago, 7/30/68.
 Sacramento airtel to Chicago, 8/13/68.
 Chicago airtel to San Diego, 8/22/68.
 Las Vegas airtel to Chicago, 9/10/68.
 San Diego letter to Chicago, 9/19/68.

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LEADS

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AT CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS. Will continue to investigate and report subject's activities.

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CG T1 advised that LA PORTE continues to be in frequent telephonic and personal contact with California hoodlums, and shows an interest in the present prosecution of Los Angeles hoodlum JOHN ROSSELI, as well as the federal prosecution regarding his former partner JAMES FRATIANNO.

T1 is [] contacted on 7/25/68.

T2 is [] (by request), contacted on 8/13/68.

T3 is [] contacted 8/30/68, by SA THOMAS W. PARRISH.

T4 is [] contacted 9/13/68, by SA THOMAS W. PARRISH.

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Office: Chicago

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Title:

FRANK LA PORTE

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject LA PORTE frequently observed at his residence and Cooperative Music Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois. He continues to frequent residence of his paramour [redacted] [redacted] Glenwood, Illinois. Local police officers advise they have received information that LA PORTE is going into retirement and no indication that he is actively involved in illegal activities. LA PORTE frequently travels to California and Nevada. Informants furnished information on subject's previous associates.

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DETAILS:

Chief CLIFFORD PAULING, Flossmoor, Illinois, Police Department, advised on July 29, 1968, that he and officers of his command continue to observe the subject's automobile parked at the residence of his sister on Cambridge Road. He advised that it is his opinion that the subject's nephew [redacted] and his wife continue to reside at LA PORTE's home and take care of the subject's wife who continues to be a narcotic addict and semi-invalid.

Physical observation has indicated that subject, during the month of August was frequently observed at the residence of his paramour [redacted] Glenwood, Illinois.

Lieutenant [redacted] Chicago Heights Illinois, Police Department, advised that his informants have stated that LA PORTE's health continues to deteriorate and that as a result he has practically retired from the Chicago Heights "outfit", and to their knowledge, he is no longer engaged in any illegal activities.

CG T2 advised that FRANK LA PORTE and an unknown companion arrived at the home of his brother-in-law RAY GUADAGNOLA, 3681 North Duncan Road, Linden, California, on August 3, 1968. LA PORTE was driving a 1968 Buick Electra 225, bearing Illinois license CS 2620 and supposedly would leave on August 13, 1968, to travel to Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Informant advised that LA PORTE's traveling companion was a white male, approximately 5'7", stocky build, in his early 50s, hair graying, and balding on top.

CG T3 advised that [redacted] who is presently considered a collector and big man for the outfit in Lake County, Indiana, had previously worked in Harvey, Illinois, as a bookie for [redacted] and FRANK LA PORTE. Informant stated that [redacted] lost a lot of money for LA PORTE when he was attempting to take over gambling in the all Negro area of Phoenix, Illinois. As a result, LA PORTE got rid of him and he has been in Indiana since that time. Informant further advised that during the week of August 20, 1968,

he observed LA PORTE's brother-in-law TONY FRANZE at the Jo-Dell Restaurant in South Holland, Illinois. FRANZE told him that he was now selling cigars throughout South Cook County.

Informant further advised that [redacted] who previously ran "strip joints" for LA PORTE in Calumet City, Illinois, is presently in jail in Los Angeles, California. He is charged with attempting to cash a \$60,000 fraudulent bond on an unknown company. Until he traveled to California [redacted] operated a restaurant in Phoenix, Arizona, known as Panhandler Pete's. Informant advised that [redacted] called his former wife and requested that she contact FRANK LA PORTE and secure his help in obtaining a good lawyer for him in order to beat the charges against him in California. The Las Vegas Office, by communication dated September 10, 1968, advised that they had been unable to locate the subject's Buick bearing Illinois license CS 2620, on August 15 and 16, 1968. They advised that pertinent information regarding the subject was furnished to Lieutenant [redacted] Intelligence Detail, Clark County Sheriff's Office, Las Vegas, Nevada. Lieutenant [redacted] stated he would make the information available to his detectives.

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On August 19, 1968, Lieutenant [redacted] advised that LA PORTE's vehicle had been located over the week-end. In addition, photographs furnished to him of the subject, as well as the subject's associates were not observed by his department.

Inquiry at the Flamingo Hotel, Caesar's Palace Hotel, and the Riviera Hotel, and the Stardust Hotel, failed to disclose any indication that the subject was a guest at these hotels.

CG T1 advised that LA PORTE was in northern California during mid-August, 1968, and then drove to Las Vegas, Nevada, and from there returned to Chicago.

On September 4, 1968, subject and his brother-in-law FRANK FRANZE were observed at the Tivoli Restaurant, Chicago Heights, Illinois. At a table next to the subject the Solomon brothers of Solomon Brothers Real Estate, Homewood, Illinois, were having lunch. It appeared that

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the subject and his brother-in-law intended to meet with these real estate people but changed their minds when they observed agents in the restaurant. It is noted that the Solomon Brothers and LA PORTE were previously associated in a half million dollar real estate deal known as the Normandy Villa.

Lieutenant [] Cook County Sheriff's Police advised he has been in contact with his informants and advised that he has obtained no information indicating that LA PORTE is currently involved in illegal activities. He stated that his informants have advised that LA PORTE continues to assist the [] brothers of Chicago Heights from getting in serious trouble with the rest of the Chicago outfit.

CG T4 advised on September 13, 1968, that [] a known associate of the subject was observed at the Bum Steer Restaurant in Chicago Heights.

Informant advised that [] was in conference with an unknown subject and he overheard them discussing bookmaking activities. They both left the restaurant and entered a 1968 dark green two-door Ford LTD and proceeded north on Halsted Street toward Chicago. The informant later observed this same unknown individual and the same Ford automobile, bearing Illinois license 943779. This registration checks to a [] 430 West 23rd Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. The informant was recontacted and advised that this individual was formerly known as a bookmaker and hoodlum in Chicago Heights. He advised that he had never personally met him before, however, [] name frequently came up in any discussion involving gambling.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
October 14, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title FRANK LA PORTE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent
Thomas W. Parrish, dated
and captioned as above at
Chicago.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 1/17/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/14/68 - 1/11/69
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REFERENCES: Report of SA THOMAS W. PARRISH, 10/14/68, at Chicago.
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LEADS

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AT CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS: Will continue to investigate and report the subject's activities.

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CG T-1 is [] who was contacted by SA
THOMAS W. PARRISH.

CG T-2 is [] who was contacted on
November 20, 1968, by SA PARRISH.

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CG T-3 is [] who was contacted on
November 12, 1968, by SA PARRISH.

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Copy to: 2 - USA, Chicago (ATTN: AUSA LAWRENCE E. MORRISSEY)

Report of: SA THOMAS W. PARRISH Office: Chicago, Illinois
Date: 1/17/69

Field Office File #: 92-920 Bureau File #: 92-5793

Title: FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject LA PORTE frequently observed in Flossmoor, Illinois, Glenwood, Illinois, and Chicago Heights, Illinois. Local police officers and informants continue to advise that LA PORTE has practically retired from organized criminal activity and is in retirement. LA PORTE expected to visit his sister in Linden, California, during the winter months. Subject's activities set forth.

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DETAILS: AT FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS.

Chief CLIFFORD PAULING and Lieutenant [redacted] Flossmoor Police Department, advised on December 22, 1968, that they are continuing to make frequent spot checks of the subject's residence at 1730 Cambridge Road. They frequently observed the subject's 1969 Buick at that address and on a few occasions have actually observed him on the grounds of this residence. They advised that they have no information regarding any illegal activities on the part of the subject or his brothers-in-law, who reside in the same area. They stated they have received no complaints from any citizens regarding the subject or his relatives.

Captain [redacted] Chicago Heights Police Department, advised that his sources stated that LA PORTE's general health continues to deteriorate and that as a result he has practically retired from the outfit. He visits his doctor, Dr. [redacted], approximately two times a month and is under constant medical care for heart disease.

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Personal observations disclose that LA PORTE is driving a new 1968 Buick Electra 225, but he continues to maintain 1968 Illinois license CS 2620. This automobile is a light charcoal car with a black vinyl top.

Lieutenant [redacted] Chicago Heights Police Department, advised that he makes frequent spot checks at the residence of the subject's paramour, HARRIET POSEY, in nearby Glenwood, Illinois, and on several occasions has observed the subject's car at that location.

Chief CASIMIR LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City Police Department, advised that he and officers of his command have made frequent spot checks at the residence of the subject's paramour, [redacted] and have not observed the subject's car at that location. LINKIEWICZ advised he is of the opinion that [redacted] is out of town and probably spending the winter in Arizona.

Chief of Police FRED MOHR, Dolton Police Department, advised on November 11, 1968, that the Dorchester Inn, which was formerly owned and controlled by the Teamsters Union and alleged to have been under the control of LA PORTE, has been sold. The inn is being managed by [redacted] [redacted] date of birth [redacted], previous address 104 Glenridge Drive, Peoria, Illinois. [redacted] formerly managed the Pere Marquet Hotel, Peoria, Illinois, and is reported to be a partner with [redacted] in the operation of the Field Restaurant, Morton, Illinois.

A review of an application for liquor license for Dolton, Illinois, discloses that the 1901 Bremerton Corporation has taken over operation of the Dorchester Inn. In addition, they listed ownership of the Dixie Governor Motor Inn, East Hazelcrest, Illinois. The principals of this corporation are listed as [redacted] and [redacted]. However, the majority interest in the corporation is owned by [redacted] [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

CG T-1 advised on November 12, 1968, that [redacted] is the principal owner of the 1901 Bremerton Plaza Corporation, and his officers include Vice-President [redacted] and [redacted], Secretary. Sales were listed as \$250,000, with 70 employees. The fixed assets are valued at \$1,500,000. The firm was incorporated on May 28, 1963, in Illinois. [redacted] is a graduate of Kent College of Law, 1937, and is also the owner of All State Acceptance Association.

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The informant advised that the corporation operates a 128 unit motel located at 1901 West 17th Street, East Hazelcrest, Illinois, as well as taking over the 200 room Dorchester Inn. The informant advised that he has no information indicating that [redacted] are connected with any type of organized criminal activity.

CG T-2 advised on November 10, 1968, that the subject's former associate, [redacted] is now manager of the Steger Apartments at 3300 Commercial Avenue, South Chicago Heights, Illinois. He advised that this unit contains approximately 50 apartments.

The informant has observed [redacted] and other local hoodlums, who previously had prostitutes working for them, spend much of their time at [redacted] apartments. He does not know if prostitutes are presently working out at the apartments.

CG T-3 advised on November 12, 1968, that he had been in contact with a Chicago Heights hoodlum, whose name he did not furnish, and this individual stated that sometime in October he was at the Cooperative Music Company and observed FRANK LA PORTE, AL PILOTTO, and JAMES CATUARA go into LA PORTE's private office at Cooperative. He overheard them discussing some unknown type of disagreement between LA PORTE and CATUARA and gained the impression that it had something to do with some type of "con game". He was of the opinion that some of CATUARA's people had defrauded a friend of LA PORTE's.

The informant advised he has frequently heard that there has been serious trouble between LA PORTE and CATUARA for at least the past two years. It is the informant's opinion that this occurred because LA PORTE feels that CATUARA authorized the murder of LA PORTE's associate, LOUIE PRATICO, a former Chicago Heights policeman who was killed in gangland fashion.

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CG T-2 advised on November 20, 1968, that LA PORTE's associate [redacted] formerly operated the Club 54 near Peotone, Illinois. Following an arrest by the Illinois State Police, based upon FBI information, the club was burned, and a motel has been rebuilt at that location. A prostitute named [redacted] LNU operates the house. The informant subsequently advised that [redacted] is identical to a [redacted] from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and that one [redacted] is the manager of the motel.

The informant advised that a Dr. [redacted] (phonetic) is the doctor who gives physical examinations to the prostitutes working in the apartment building. It is noted that Dr. [redacted] office was bombed by unknown individuals approximately three years ago.

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The informant advised that [] a law partner with [] both of whom have had a long association and affiliation with Chicago Heights hoodlums, prepared the legal papers regarding the building of the hotels and apartments.

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CG T-1 advised on January 9, 1969, that he had heard from an unrecalled associate of LA PORTE that LA PORTE intends to travel to an area near Stockton, California, to visit with his sister, who resides in that area. The informant advised that as far as he knew, this was merely a social or vacation trip and not connected with any illegal activity.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

January 17, 1969

Title FRANK LA PORTE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent
Thomas W. Parrish, at
Chicago, dated and
captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 5/7/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/22/69 - 5/5/69
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REFERENCE: Report of SA THOMAS W. PARRISH dated 1/17/69 at Chicago.

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AT CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS. Will continue to investigate and report the activities and background of subject and his associates.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is [redacted] who was contacted on
January 22, 1969. CG T-2 is [redacted] who was contacted
on March 25, 1969, by Special Agent JOHN C. WAGNER.

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Report of: SA J. CARLTON PARKER, Jr. Office: Chicago, Illinois
Date: 5/7/69

Field Office File #: 92-920 Bureau File #: 92-5793

Title: FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject visited with [redacted] owners of Hilltop Restaurant, Lockport, Illinois. Results of observations at Co-operative Music and at subject's residence set forth. Results of Chicago, Illinois, Department of Revenue records for Co-operative Music set forth.

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DETAILS:

In January, 1969, CG T-1 advised that subject is closely following the results of Federal prosecution of JOHN ROSELLI at Los Angeles, California.

In March, 1969, CG T-2 advised that the subject had been present at the Hilltop Restaurant, Route 53, Lockport, Illinois, where he was visiting with the owners of the restaurant, [REDACTED]. The source said that LA PORTE has been planning to increase the prices charged for playing records on the jukeboxes controlled by Co-operative [REDACTED].

On April 28, 1969, [REDACTED] State of Illinois Department of Revenue, advised that the records of that department at Springfield, Illinois, reflect Co-operative Music Company, 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, and ROT registration number 655-438 filed a tax return for January, 1969, for \$131.12. The tax return was signed by FRANK FRANZE, Manager and partner. The Revenue records included applications for license for coin-operated amusement devices signed FRANK FRANZE for the Co-operative Music Company, dated August 29, 1968, for 100 licenses being numbered 18139 through 18238. One thousand dollars was paid for these licenses. On October 21, 1968, an additional payment of \$350.00 plus a penalty of \$70.00 was paid by FRANK FRANZE for the Co-operative Music Company for licenses number 19453 through 19487.

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Date April 15, 1969

The following observations were made on April 9, 1969 at the times indicated:

- 10:05 a.m. A black over tan Buick, 1969 Illinois license 496-562, was parked on the east side of the street across from the Cooperative Music Company, 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. The car was parked at a parking meter which showed all the parking time had expired. No parking ticket was visible anywhere on the car.
- 3:00 p.m. The above described Buick was in the same place. The parking meter time had expired and no parking ticket was visible. A black over charcoal grey Buick Electra 225, 1969 Illinois license KS 349, was parked on the northwest corner of Halsted and Hickory Streets, Chicago Heights. It was in a no parking zone.
- 3:11 p.m. FRANK LAPORTE and another white male entered the charcoal grey Buick and departed immediately. They went west on Hickory, north on Chicago Road, north on Dixie Highway, west on Vollmer Road and north on Cambridge Drive to and into the driveway of 1716 Cambridge Drive, where both men left the car. Already parked in the driveway of 1716 Cambridge was a tan Buick, 1969 Illinois license CK 8404.
- 3:21 p.m. A white male, 5'10", 170 pounds, grey hair that was thinning, about 50 years old, entered the tan Buick and departed immediately. He drove over the same route that the charcoal grey Buick had travelled, finally arriving at the intersection of Hickory and Halsted Street.

On 4/9/69 at Chicago Heights & Flossmoor, Illinois File # CG 92-920 & CG 92-1730
 by SA J. CARLTON PARKER, JR./prk 3 Date dictated 4/14/69

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4:25 p.m.

The first mentioned tan Buick was still parked on an expired parking meter across from Cooperative Music Shop. The second mentioned tan Buick was parked on Hickory Street near Halsted. Two other cars parked in the immediate vicinity of the Cooperative Music Shop had 1969 Illinois licenses NJ 6147 and KU 4156.

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On April 10, 1969, at 10:40 a.m. and at 2:25 p.m. a charcoal gray Buick Electra 225, four-door model with rear antenna bearing 1969 Illinois license KS349 was parked at the intersection of Hickory Street and Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, near the side entrance of the Co-operative Music Company. The application for this automobile registration has not come to file in the Office of the Secretary of State. Also parked in the vicinity of the Co-operative Music Company was a green Buick Skylark with 1969 Illinois license NJ6147, a green Oldsmobile with 1969 Illinois license 450583 and automobiles bearing 1969 license KS346, KU4156, and 495011.

On February 21, 1969, at 2:10 p.m. the subject was observed driving the previously described charcoal grey Buick south on Dixie Highway in Chicago Heights, Illinois. He parked the car in the lot of the Ciprianni Italian Food Store at Dixie Highway, 10th Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, and entered that store. At 2:56 p.m. the subject returned to the charcoal grey Buick and drove to his residence entering the driveway of 1716 Cambridge, Flossmoor, Illinois.

On May 5, 1969, at 2:39 p.m. the above described grey Buick was parked beside Delaney - Heald Cleaners at Dixie Highway, Joe Orr Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois. A white male about 5'7" tall, 150 pounds with grey wavy hair, dressed in a brown plaid sport coat was using the telephone in an outdoor pay station near the cleaners. At 2:52 p.m. he returned to the Buick and departed driving to the Park Forest Shopping Plaza. At 3:12 p.m. the individual was observed entering the Goldblatt's Department Store carrying a Lytton's shopping bag. At 3:35 p.m. the individual returned to the Buick and departed travelling north on Western Avenue. At 5:20 p.m. the above described grey Buick was parked in the driveway of 1716 Cambridge, Flossmoor, Illinois.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
May 7, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title	FRANK LA PORTE
Character	ANTI-RACKETERRING
Reference	Report of Special Agent J. CARLTON PARKER, Jr. dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 8/14/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/8 - 8/7/69
TITLE OF CASE FRANK LA PORTE, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA J. CARLTON PARKER, Jr.	TYPED BY rmk
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

REFERENCES: Report of SA J. CARLTON PARKER, Jr., at Chicago dated 5/7/69.

WFO letter to Chicago dated 7/16/69.

Sacramento airtels to Chicago dated 6/11, 6/17, 6/26, and 7/1/69.

Las Vegas letter to Chicago dated 6/24/69.

San Diego airtel to Chicago dated 6/20/69.

San Diego letter to Bureau dated 7/18/69.

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AT CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS. Will continue investigation of subject and his associates to determine whether or not their activities are in violation of any federal criminal statute.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED NONE						ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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How Fwd.	By			

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INFORMANTS

Source

Date Contacted

Contacting Agent

CG T-1 is

5/8/69

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US Department of
State, Chicago,
Illinois

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CG T-2 is

6/19/69

[redacted]

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA J. CARLTON PARKER, Jr. Office: Chicago, Illinois
Date: August 14, 1969

Field Office File #: 92-920

Bureau File #: 92-5793

Title: FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject traveled to Italy in 5/69. Passport data set forth. Subject traveled to West Coast where he met several individuals and was attempting to dispose of his Mine Milling interest and to purchase real estate. Information concerning locations of Co Operative Music Company jukeboxes set forth.

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DETAILS:

Trip To Italy

On May 8, 1969, CG T-1 advised that subject had applied for a passport on May 2, 1969, and was issued passport number K557159 on May 12, 1969, for travel to Europe (Italy). Subject was to be accompanied on the trip by CHARLES GEORGE LUCENTI, LOUIS JOSEPH LEDERER, and [redacted] In applying for passports the subject and the above named persons submitted the following information:

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Name	CHARLES GEORGE LUCENTI
Residence	1040 North Lake Shore Drive
Date of Birth	August 30, 1906
Occupation	Chicago, Illinois
Social Security Number	Executive
Parents	340-01-4640
Father	FRANK LUCENTI
Mother	ANGELA LUCENTI
Wife	CAROLYN LUCENTI, nee
	WOLPERT (Date of Birth
	May 22, 1903, Chicago,
	Illinois, married in 1924)
Height	5'8"
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Gray
Departure	May 13, 1969, to Europe -
	Italy, for business,
	duration - one week
Passport Number	K 562 745, issued May 9,
	1969.
Name	MICHAEL PAOLETTA
Residence	350 Arquilla Drive
Passport Number	Chicago Heights, Illinois
Date of Birth	K 0243326
	May 9, 1924.

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Regarding this passport, it was issued in Washington, D. C., and no further information is known in Chicago.

Name	LOUIS JOSEPH LEDERER
Residence	860 North Lake Shore Drive Apartment, 14M
Date of Birth	August 22, 1906
Occupation	Farmer City, Illinois
Social Security Number	Insurance Broker
Parents	336-05-5872
Father	DAVID LEDERER
Mother	MARY LONG
Wife	LORETTA CUNNINGHAM
	(Married April 4, 1932)
Height	5'7"
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Departure	May 12, 1969, to England, Italy, for pleasure, duration - one month.
Passport Number	E 443 781 (previous) Current number not issued as of May 8, 1969.

Regarding the LUCENTI passport, a special call was made to the Passport Agency from Congressman ANNUNZIO's Office asked for "rush" handling on this application. Instructions were to call a [redacted] from LUCENTI's Office, 278-8020, who would pick up the passport. (278-8020 is listed to Kingsbury Iron and Metal Company, 1900 West Fullerton).

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On July 15, 1969, the records of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C., were reviewed by SE [redacted] and its files disclosed the following information:

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FRANK LA PORTE was issued passport K 557 159 on May 2, 1969, at Chicago, Illinois, for a proposed one month pleasure trip to Italy. In his application subject stated that he intended to travel by air. His departure date was given as May, 1969, and he indicated that he intended to make another trip abroad within five years. The subject's passport is valid for five years travel to all countries except Cuba, Mainland China, North Korea, and North Vietnam.

The subject indicated he had been born on October 8, 1901, in Italy. His file included a notation that his Naturalization Certificate, 2431930, issued September 13, 1926, at Chicago Heights, Illinois, had been seen by passport authorities. His permanent address was listed as 1730 Cambridge Avenue, Flossmoor, Illinois. His father is listed as SAM LA PORTE and his mother is listed as THERESA FALEO, both of whom were born in Italy. The subject indicated that he married MARGARET PELLI on September 14, 1948, and that PELLI had been born September 18, 1911, in Hungary. PELLI is a United States citizen. In the event of death or accident the subject requested that his wife be notified at the Cambridge Avenue address.

The subject was described as a White male, 5'7" tall, black and gray hair, brown eyes, Social Security Number 335-30-4961, and he gave his occupation as retired.

Former Assistant United States Attorney LAWRENCE E. MORRISSEY, who was Chief, Special Prosecutions Unit, Chicago, Illinois, furnished a copy of a Memorandum of Information prepared by the Bureau of Customs, dated June 4, 1969. The memorandum included a report which had been received by the Office of Investigations, Bureau of Customs, Washington, D. C., dated June 2, 1969. That report reflects the following information:

On May 22, 1969, FRANK LA PORTE, 1730 Cambridge Avenue, Flossmoor, Illinois, arrived at O'Hare International Airport from Rome, Italy, via Alitalia Airlines, Flight Number 668.

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His passport had only one stamp which admitted LA PORTE into the United States on May 22, 1969, at Chicago, Illinois.

LA PORTE was carrying Alitalia Airlines Ticket Number 0554-00240266, which was issued May 8, 1969, by the Nitti Travel Bureau, Chicago, Illinois. LA PORTE's itinerary as reflected by the airline ticket was as follows:

May 8, 1969, Chicago, Illinois, to Rome, Italy;

May 9, 1969, Rome, Italy, to Naples, Italy;

May 15 or 16, 1969, Naples, Italy, to Rome, Italy;

May 22, 1969, Rome, Italy, to Chicago, Illinois.

The following papers and documents were found in LA PORTE's possession. (Most of the information was in handwriting and the spellings may not be exact in each instance but is given precisely as it appeared:

[redacted] 786-5597

Business Card: Insurance Policy Number 311263
Co Operative Music Company
1728 Halsted Street
Chicago Heights, Illinois
Phone 312-SK 5-4684

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Blue Cross Plan Card, Group and Subscriber Number
66808-5348

[redacted] 714-273-0808

[redacted] San Diego

[redacted] Home 897-7129

[redacted] 714-892-3979

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Business Card: MATTHEW ENSER, D.D.S., M.S.
JOSHUA R. BORMAN, D.D.S.
Pedodontists
18419 South Halsted
Glenwood, Illinois 756-4100

Business Card: MICHAEL H. BRIDKIN
Attorney at Law
Suite 1203
188 West Randolph
Telephone CE 6-1515
Home GR 2-0979

Business Card: Dynamic Speaker Corporation
SAMUEL J. ABBINATI - President
3100 Van Owen
Burbank, California
Telephone number written on card 836-4548

Joel Company 45700

Baba Pr 95527

Business Card: Sauna Bath, Al's Physical Therapy
542 Pulaski Road
Calumet City, Illinois
AL GREENE, Therapist
Office TO 2-3096
Home TO 2-5151

Written on back of card

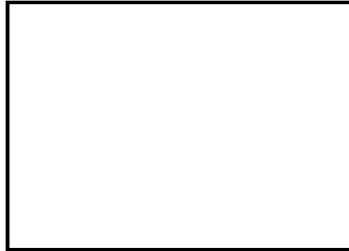
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number which is illegible
Par 689-5667
4-3246

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Also written on the back of the card were the
following names and numbers:

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Bank Money Order: Remitter: FRANK LA PORTE
Pay To: [REDACTED] the sum
\$2,000.00
Number 292260
Chicago Heights National Bank

Business Card: Allan Jewelers
Suite 810
5 South Wabash
Chicago, Illinois
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Business Card: Eaty Research
JOSEPH J. EAT, Director
1827 Ligan Avenue
San Diego, California 92102

Business Card: Honorable CHARLES IANNELLO
Representative
Assistant Majority Leader
Committee House Rules
Vice-Chairman Taxation
Municipal Finance
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Residence HI 5-5437
State House CA 7-4606 Extensions 730, 731,
732, 733

Written on back of card were the name and number:
727-2371

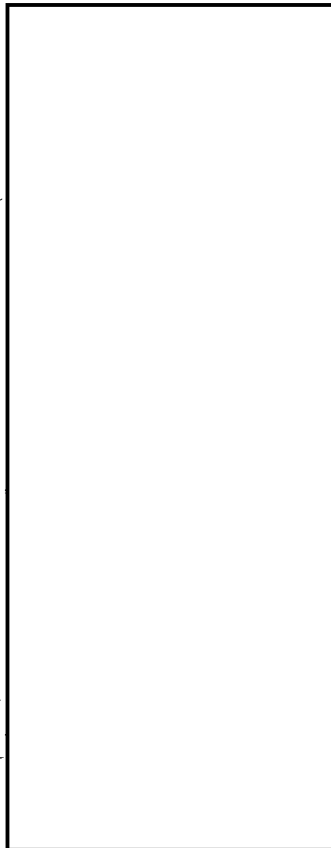
[REDACTED] 892-3979

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Credit Cards: FRANK FRANZE
F-755-4684086

Business Card: Wine and Spirits Merchandisers, Incorporated
3600 South Racine
Chicago, Illinois
FRANK BARBARO, Executive Sales
Cliffside 4-8900
Residence GR 6-7236

An address book which contained the following
names and numbers:



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[REDACTED]
Home SK 3-1272
CE 4-5311

P. Fe 98221

FRAN

305-UN 6-9768

815-722-5141
2737

FRAN and DAN

368-0678

[REDACTED]
CE 6-4628

Ranch
785-2442

Of
ALP SK 4-6100

Nitti Travel
1162 West Grand Avenue

MO 6-5345

Co op owes me 3700
6000
Total 9700
1300
11,000

I owe BABE: Princ 995
250
Balance 745

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[redacted] 2675
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LA PORTE stated that his travels to Rome and Naples were for pleasure purposes and that while in Italy, he had purchased only a \$2 necktie. Following examination, LA PORTE was allowed to proceed.

CG T-1 advised in June, 1969, that he had learned that the subject had traveled to Europe for about 10 days and had spent most of his time in Rome and Milan, Italy. The source stated that LA PORTE had been afraid that he was being surveilled by the Italian Police and had not contacted a long time family friend who had returned to Italy from Chicago Heights.

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Trip To West Coast

On June 17, 1969, Lieutenant [redacted] South Lake Tahoe, California, Police Department, advised SA [redacted] that he had received the following information from an informant of the police department who was in a good position to obtain the information which he furnished:

FRANK LA PORTE, who was accompanied by [redacted] and an attractive White female, age 40, with red hair, arrived at Carson City, Nevada, on June 15, 1969, in a 1968 Oldsmobile Delta 88, black over silver, bearing 1969 Illinois license PK 1964, and were met by the subject's sister, LENA and her escort, [redacted]. The latter persons were in a 1966 White Chevrolet four-door sedan, bearing California license MMY 964. All five of the individuals were staying at the City Center Motel, Carson City, Nevada.

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The subject and his companion had come to Lake Tahoe in order to locate a buyer for the International Mercury Mining Company Mill which is located near Fales Hot Springs, in Mono County, California, and which is owned by the subject. The mill is considered to be one of the best mining mills in California.

LA PORTE was also interested in purchasing approximately eight acres known as North Ridge which is described in a land sale brochure number 69-3, issued by the State of California, State Office Building, Los Angeles, California.

On June 26, 1969, Lieutenant [] advised SAs [] that he had received the following information from the above confidential source:

LA PORTE, his wife, and [] returned to South Tahoe from Los Angeles, California, on June 23, 1969, where they were met by some land-developers who were developing approximately 500 acres in the Mountain View Estates, a sub-division on the outskirts of South Lake Tahoe. LA PORTE had in his possession six to eight checks totaling in excess of \$10,000, over half of which were in the amount of \$1,337. These checks were supposed to represent payment for trucks and truck leasing agreements. LA PORTE expressed an interest in financing the development of the Mountain View Estates sub-division stating that he owned the Grove American Land Company Corporation of Miami, Florida. LA PORTE was willing to pay three million, 200 thousand dollars for the property; however, payment was to be made in the stock of GMAC and GMC.

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Lieutenant [] said that as of June 23, 1969, the subject was still trying to sell his mining mill and indicated that if he could not locate a purchaser he would put the mill back into operation.

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On July 1, 1969, Lieutenant [] advised SAs [] that he had received the following information from the above mentioned confidential source:

Subject, his wife, and [] departed from Lake Tahoe on June 26, 1969, traveling to Bridgeport, California. The sale of the real estate on the outskirts of South Lake Tahoe, had been agreed on and LA PORTE was to consummate this sale at the Office of the General Acceptance Corporation, which is supposed to be a subsidiary of the Gulf American Land Company Corporation. LA PORTE, his wife, and [] departed from Bridgeport on June 28, 1969. They spent the night at Gallop, New Mexico, on June 29, 1969, and then traveled to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where LA PORTE's wife was to visit with relatives while he and [] returned to Chicago by air.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA []

At Reno, Nevada

On June 17, 1969, [] Investigator, Nevada Gaming Control Board, Carson City, Nevada, advised telephonically that his office was informed by Lieutenant [] South Lake Tahoe Police Department, South Lake Tahoe, California, of information as set out in referenced airtel.

[] stated that LA PORTE arrived in Carson City, Nevada, June 15, 1969, and registered at the City Center Motel. LA PORTE was accompanied by [] of the Co Op Music Company, 1728 Halsted Avenue, Chicago Heights, Illinois, and by an unidentified White female, 40, red hair, attractive. They were driving a 1968 Oldsmobile Delta 88, four-door, black over silver, with Illinois license PK 1964.

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According to [] also registered at the motel were a LENA LA PORTE of Stockton, California, and [] Post Office Box 1242, San Andreas, California. They were driving a 1965 Chevrolet four-door, white, California license MMY 964.

[] advised that at approximately 9:00 a.m., June 16, 1969, FRANK LA PORTE, [] and [] departed from the motel together and headed south on United States Route 395 towards the Mono County, California, area. The two women stayed at the motel. LA PORTE was expected to visit the south shore of Lake Tahoe during the evening of June 16, 1969.

CG T-2 advised in June, 1969, that the subject had arrived in San Diego, California, on June 18, 1969, and would remain in San Diego until June 20, 1969. The subject and his bodyguard, [] met with [] LEO MOCERI, FRANK BOMPENSIERO, and [] LA PORTE was interested in disposing of some mining equipment which he owns and operates in North California. While in San Diego LA PORTE was trying to determine what testimony JAMES FRATIENNO had given before the Federal Grand Jury in Los Angeles.

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Co Operative Music Company
1728 Halsted Street
Chicago Heights, Illinois

On August 7, 1969, [] Department of Revenue, State of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following information:

His investigation revealed that FRANK FRANZE paid \$1,000 for 100 rifles numbered 18139 through 18238, and \$350 plus \$70 penalty for rifles numbered 19453 through 19487. These rifles were for coin operated amusement devices.

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On October 23, 1968, the Department of Revenue, Springfield, directed a letter to FRANZE advising that he had only 135 rifles for the year 1968 - 1969, which was 64 less than the previous year. FRANZE replied that the 64 rifles had been purchased by individual taverns because Revenue Inspectors had been encouraging them to do so.

A survey of Calumet City, Illinois, revealed numerous jukeboxes belonging to Co Operative Music Company, bearing no stamp amusement license, and on May 7, 1969, eight jukeboxes belonging to Co Operative Music Company, were seized. The following day [] an employee for the Co Operative Music Company, attempted to reclaim the eight machines and he was instructed to appear with a complete list of all locations of their machines, and evidence that the State Amusement Tax had been paid for each machine.

On May 13, 1969, [] furnished the complete list of all locations and it was determined that Co Operative had 115 machines without licenses. [] then purchased 115 licenses at \$10 each plus a \$2 penalty for each machine. He also paid \$608.08 for the eight machines which had been seized. The latter amount includes double license fees and penalty plus storage and hauling charges. Failure of Co Operative to have the machines properly licensed cost them \$1,988.08.

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The following is a list of locations which were furnished by []

New Locations (placed either April or May) -

Sulky Club Glenwood;
The Web - Thornton;
Johnny Urban - Calumet City;
The Shade - Harvey
Boots and Saddle - Markham, will open May 10, 1969
American Legion - Markham.

The following are locations which were in existence at the time of the seizure:

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Location

Town

The Place	Calumet City
Theison's	Calumet City
Bar X	Calumet City
Barney's	Calumet City
Lennehan's	Calumet City
Chesterfield Lounge	Calumet City
Zig Zag Club	Calumet City
Wil - Jo's	Calumet City
Yo Yo Club	Calumet City
Dinty Moore	Calumet City
Oasis Club	Calumet City
101 Ranch	Calumet City
Herb's	Calumet City
Chances Are	Calumet City
Beachcomber	Calumet City
Chateau Farm	Calumet City
Theisons Bar BQ	Calumet City
Pizzeria	Calumet City
Trumpet Lounge	Calumet City
Flying Root	Calumet City
708 Club	Calumet City
Lil's Grill	Calumet City
Dew Drop	Calumet City
307 Lounge	Calumet City
Han's	Calumet City
Mr. B's	Calumet City
Viaduct Tavern	Calumet City
Old Kentucky Liquors	Calumet City
Shay Club	Calumet City
Castaways Lounge	Calumet City
Ship	Calumet City
Aggie's	Calumet City
Bowl Mor Lanes	Calumet City
Tom's Restaurant	Calumet City
The Casba	Calumet City
O'Henry's	Calumet City
Ember's Restaurant	Calumet City
Blue Carpet	Calumet City

Location

Ball of Fire
 Terry's Inn- Twin Oaks
 Oliver's Restaurant
 S and H Tavern
 Velvet Heart
 Mitch's
 Helen's Inn
 Parkview Inn
 Gold Dollar
 Dell-A-Man
 Jan and Ken's
 Mike Evelyn's
 Yale and Harvard
 Ray's
 Vicky's
 Wally's
 De Bold's Tavern
 Zodiac Club
 Ann's 34 Club
 Loretta's
 Stephanie
 Silver Blipper
 The Loft
 Ziggle's Tavern
 The Patch
 Johnny Victor
 Ery's
 Betty's On Torrence
 Gump's Lounge
 Zesto Drive Inn
 Candlelight Inn
 Spot Tavern
 Shell Lounge
 Mike and Jean's
 The Palette

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Location

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Parkmore Liquor
Unke's College Inn
Rosie's Tavern
Pete's Tavern
Louis and Bill's
Interlude
Town and Country Motel
Club Rainbow
State Lunch
Johnny's
706 Club
Leon's

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Brown Jug
Cape Cod
Yacht Club
Flo's Casa Marina

Burnham
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Burnham

Dorchester Club
Dolton Liquors
Roaring Lo's
Homestead Tavern

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Dolton

Jane and Alex
George's Restaurant

Thornton
Thornton

Lansing Lanes
Buckhorn Inn
V.F.W.
Lan-Oak Lanes
Rich's Pizza
American Legion
Casserole

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Green Door
Casa D. Silver
Hiawatha Farms
Quarter Pole
OH Town Liquors
Crete Bowl

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Location

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Peggy's Place
Little Hut

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Monee

Hilltop Tavern

Peotone

George's
Martin's
Trio Lounge
Busy B
Joseph's Lounge
Vel's Tap
Steger Pool
Dixie Jacks
Leo's Tavern
Little Jims Pizza

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Jenny's
Doghouse
20th Century Bowl
E-Z Snack
Liberty Restaurant
Breeze Inn
Corso Liquors
Drive Inn Liquors
Al's-Dyer
Dick Kelly's Restaurant
The Log
Elks Club
Deno's
Poor Boy's
Pat and Otis
Kazak Lounge
Latin Club
Jackson's Restaurant
Crosstown Liquors
The Hut
Huway Restaurant
Gray's Restaurant
Marion's Tavern
E. J. and E Tavern

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Town</u>
Leo's Beef and Burger	Chicago Heights
Bank Tavern	Chicago Heights
Town Tavern	Chicago Heights
Reichart's Tavern	Chicago Heights
Eagles Club	Chicago Heights
Rancho Graide	Chicago Heights
Milano's Tavern	Chicago Heights
H and J Restaurant	Chicago Heights
H and J Tavern	Chicago Heights
Sam's Cigar Store	Chicago Heights
Bob and Clara's	Chicago Heights
CIO Club	Chicago Heights
Aunt Mary's Restaurant	Chicago Heights
La Tajuanita Restaurant	Chicago Heights
Del Rio	Chicago Heights
Joe's Blue Ribbon Lounge	Chicago Heights
Bice Stube	Chicago Heights
Southern Grill	Chicago Heights
Los Dos	Chicago Heights
Bob and Mary's	Chicago Heights
Key Note Club	Chicago Heights
3 Star Liquors	Chicago Heights
Noble Supply	Chicago Heights
Dandy's Drive Inn	Chicago Heights
Hilltops Liquors	Chicago Heights
Tiny Tap	Chicago Heights
Terrace Coffee Shop	Chicago Heights
American Legion	Chicago Heights
Ada's Restaurant	Chicago Heights
Ranch House	Chicago Heights
J and D-Russo	Chicago Heights
Golden Horseshoe	Chicago Heights
Olympia Restaurant	Chicago Heights
Olympia Lounge	Chicago Heights
Dog and Suds	Chicago Heights
Holiday Motel	Chicago Heights
Swan Lake	Chicago Heights

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Location

Town

Poor Richard's

Glenwood

Doherty's Tap

Richton Park

Jean's Tavern
Little Sam's Tavern
Catholic War Veterans
Brownie's Liquors
Ross Tavern
Red Lion

South Chicago Heights
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Club 901
Flea's
Village Club
Rose's
Max Fiske Steak House
Village Pub

Calumet Park
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Sangamon's
Campbell's Restaurant

Chicago
Chicago

Connie's Tap
Maplewood Tavern
Mitchell's Club
Little John's Tavern
Guiseppe's Pizza

Blue Island
Blue Island
Blue Island
Blue Island
Blue Island

Country Store
American Legion

Park Forest
Park Forest

Ivanhoe Liquors
Tina's Restaurant

Riverdale
Riverdale

Chuck's Place
Sulky Inn
Smith's Restaurant
Thelma's Truck Stop
Anelli's Blue Ribbon
Art's Bowling Alley

Harvey
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Location

Town

Acme Tavern
C and L Lounge
B and L Lounge

Harvey
Harvey
Harvey

Irene Wallace
Spolan's

Dixmoor
Dixmoor

The Corner
The Corner Restaurant
Happy Hour
Ferguson's
Cozy Corner
Dixie Loverrse Motel

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Wally's Tap
Ridgewood Liquors

Homewood
Homewood

Coral Club

Posen

Flare Restaurant
Shakey's Pizza
Christy's
Country Chicken
Captain's Table
V.F.W.

Markham
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Crossroads
Red Snapper
Fat's Halfway House
Ranch Truck Stop

Oak Forest
Oak Forest
Oak Forest
Oak Forest

American Legion
Covert Motel

Matteson
Matteson

Homestead Tavern

East Hazel Crest



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois 60604

August 14, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

92-920

Title FRANK LA PORTE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted]
[redacted] dated and captioned as
above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 11/20/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/18 - 11/17/69
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REFERENCES: Report of SA dated 8/14/69, at Chicago.
San Diego letter to Chicago, dated 8/27/69.
Los Angeles letter to Chicago, dated 9/26/69.
Las Vegas letter to Chicago, dated 10/23/69.

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AT CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS. Will continue investigation of subject and his associates to determine whether or not their activities constitute a violation of any federal criminal statute.

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INFORMANTS

[redacted] was recontacted on July 18, 1969. He advised that he is in frequent contact with LA PORTE and as far as he knows, LA PORTE remains in the Chicago area at this time. [redacted] advised that LA PORTE was in San Diego on June 18-20, 1969, to contact [redacted] [redacted] is attempting to sell about \$200,000 worth of mining equipment the subject owns in Northern California. Subject indicated to [redacted] he was returning home to Chicago, via Tulsa, Oklahoma.

For the information of Chicago, PCI [redacted] also known as [redacted] (TN), was contacted July 24, 1969, at which time the subject was discussed. His general comments concerning the subject included the following:

FRANK LA PORTE formerly had a business partner named ANTHONY G. AMADIO who acted as a front man for his business interests (bars, juke boxes, etc.) in Calumet City, Illinois. Informant also advised that LA PORTE was in charge of the LCN controlled rackets in the southern suburban area of Chicago, Illinois, at one time. He believed that LA PORTE is now interested in investing in California and Nevada, and particularly interested in obtaining a piece of a gambling casino in Nevada, if he can get someone to front for him on the license.

PCI [redacted] believes that he has pulled out most of his business interests in Calumet City with the exception of his juke box and music company. He advised at one time, LA PORTE was closely associated with [redacted] operator of the Coronet Insurance Company of Chicago. [redacted] helped finance real estate developments with LA PORTE in the south side of Chicago.

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PCI [] stated that it is generally not known, but FRANK LA PORTE and [] are big owners in Hennies' Brothers Show (now possibly called the Amusement Company of America). This is a big company, putting on carnivals and county fairs, using 60 or 70 railroad cars to move their equipment.

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On September 22, 1969, [] advised that one of his employees attended a meeting in Chicago last week at which LA PORTE and about 200 other persons were in attendance. The purpose of this meeting was to "put in" a new State Tax Assessor for the State of Illinois. This meeting was allegedly attended by various Teamster Officials and "Mafia" individuals. Informant stated that he hopes to develop further information concerning this when his employee returns from Chicago. Informant stated that he, himself, was in Chicago at the same time, however, he did not attend the meeting and met LA PORTE through an old friend whose identity informant would not disclose.

Informant stated that he has no information that LA PORTE had purchased new property in Los Angeles, but stated that he knew that LA PORTE had recently purchased some property in or near Las Vegas, Nevada.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The Federal Task Force located in the United States Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois, obtained federal income tax returns for individuals considered to be hoodlums in the Chicago area. One of these income tax returns was the 1967 return of the subject which reflects the following information:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago, Illinois
Date: November 20, 1969

Field Office File #: 92-920

Bureau File #: 92-5793

Title: FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

No record of sale of 27 acres of land in Las Vegas, Nevada to subject located. Negotiations by subject for purchase of land at South Lake Tahoe terminated by [redacted] Subject reported to stay at Walker River Lodge, Bridgeport, California, when visiting that area. [redacted] applied for license to operate beauty parlor in Calumet Park, which was formerly operated by [redacted] Results of observations of Cooperative Music Co. and subject's residence set forth.

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DETAILS:

An examination of the records and plats was made by [redacted] Chief Appraiser, Realty Records, Clark County Assessor's Office, Las Vegas, Nevada.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on October 6, 1969, that there is no parcel of land, 27 acres in size, on Sahara and Paradise Avenues, or anywhere nearby. There is one parcel of land, 25.5 acres in size, which has been owned for a number of years by the Campbell Hunt, Inc. This parcel, however, is not located close enough to the alleged location or area to be considered as possibly identical. There are numerous small parcels of land in the area; however, none are sufficiently large to be considered as possibly identical.

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[] stated further there is no record of the Gulf American Land Company of Miami, Florida, as being an owner of land in Clark County at this time.

[] further stated that she had caused the records of the Clark County Recorder's Office to be checked, and no information identifiable with the Gulf American Land Company, Miami, Florida, was located.

On September 22, 1969, [] Los Angeles Police Department, Intelligence Division, Los Angeles, California, advised that he could locate no record to show that the subject was in Los Angeles in June, 1969. He said that the records that are available to him did not reflect any purchase of property in the Los Angeles area by the subject. [] stated that he heard that the subject is interested in purchasing land in the northern part of California.

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On August 8, 1969, Lieut. [] South Lake Tahoe Police Department, South Lake Tahoe, California, advised that he had developed no additional information concerning the subject. He said that it is his understanding that the proposed sale of land by [] to the subject was cancelled and all negotiations have been terminated. He said that the action was taken by [] when he located another buyer for his property.

On October 1, 1969, [] Reporter, "Chicago Tribune", Chicago, Illinois, advised Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) EDWARD S. MILLER that he and his wife had recently returned from a visit in the western part of the United States. [] stayed at the Walker River Lodge, Bridgeport, California. When he was registered at this lodge, the owner advised him that a regular visitor at the lodge is named FRANKIE LA PORTE, who is also from Chicago. The owner of the lodge said that LA PORTE stays at the lodge at least twice a year and always has his bodyguards with him.

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On October 29, 1969, RICHARD LIS, Chief, Calumet Park, Illinois Police Department, advised SA [] that [] a former girlfriend of the subject, has left the subject and her whereabouts are unknown. [] at the time she departed, was licensee for the Park Lane Beauty Salon, 1135 127th Street, Calumet Park. Chief LIS said that [] who is a brother-in-law of the subject, has applied for a business license to operate the beauty salon.

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On October 30, 1969, Chief LIS advised SA [] that the manager of the Park Lane Beauty Salon was going to be [] [] Thornton, Illinois, white female, who was born on []

On September 2, 1969, at 10:35 a.m., the subject's dark gray Buick, 1969 Illinois license KS 349, was parked at Cooperative Music Company. Also at this location was a tan Bonneville, 1969 Illinois license KU 4156.

On September 9, 1969, at 9:55 a.m., an olive green Oldsmobile, bearing 1969 Illinois license 495 011, was parked at the Doghouse Tavern, 1841 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois. At 10:17 a.m., this automobile was parked at the Rio Grande Tavern at Union and 16th Street, Chicago Heights.

On September 11, 1969, at 12:15 p.m., the subject's gray Buick, 1969 Illinois license KS 349, was parked in the lot of the St. Agnes Rectory on Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

On October 29, 1969, the subject was observed driving a blue over white Oldsmobile, 1969 Illinois license KS 349. He was traveling north on Dixie Highway and proceeded to his residence in Flossmoor.

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On November 17, 1969, a gold Oldsmobile bearing 1969 Illinois license KS 436, was parked beside the Maplewood Inn, Maple and Collins Street, Blue Island, Illinois, 11:45 a.m.

This license number is listed to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Flossmoor, Illinois.

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Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Soyars	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

FRANK LA PORTE, AKA. AR. OO CHICAGO.

AS BUREAU AWARE, LA PORTE HAS BEEN UPPER ECHELON LEADER ORGANIZED CRIME CHICAGO FOR DECADES WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR AFFAIRS ORGANIZED CRIME IN SOUTHERN SUBURBS.

FOR SEVERAL YEARS LA PORTE'S PARAMOUR IN CHICAGO AREA HAS BEEN ONE [REDACTED] SHE HAS ALSO BEEN FRONT FOR LA PORTE IN PARK LANE BEAUTY SALON, CALUMET PARK, ILLINOIS, SOUTHERN SUBURB OF CHICAGO, A BUSINESS IN WHICH LA PORTE WAS HIDDEN OWNER.

HOWEVER, IN SEPTEMBER LAST [REDACTED] AND LA PORTE DIS-CONTINUED THEIR ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP AND THIS TERMINATED [REDACTED] PROPRIETORSHIP OF PARK LAEN BEAUTY SALON.

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IN OCTOBER LAST [] COP, CALUMET PARK, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THAT ONE [] HAD APPLIED FOR VILLAGE BUSINESS LICENSE TO SUCCEED [] IN OPERATION OF ABOVE BEAUTY SHOP. AT THIS TIME CHIEF LIS WAS ADVISED OF BACKGROUND OF [] IN THAT HE IS BROTHER-IN-LAW OF LA PORTE AND IS ASSOCIATED WITH LA PORTE IN OPERATION OF CO OP MUSIC CO IN CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS, WHICH HAS SIX ACCOUNTS IN CALUMET PARK. [] WAS FURTHER ADVISED OF LA PORTE'S HIDDEN INTEREST AND POSSIBILITY THAT LA PORTE WAS ATTEMPTING TO RECOUP HIS FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES MADE FOR POSSEY IN THIS BUSINESS.

ON NOVEMBER TWENTY FOUR LAST [] ADVISED THAT CALUMET PARK VILLAGE BOARD HAD DENIED ISSUANCE OF ABOVE LICENSE TO [] ON BASIS OF ABOVE INFO FURNISHED BY FBI. [] ALSO ADVISED THAT VILLAGE BOARD NOW ENACTING ORDINANCE PRECLUDING ANY BUSINESS LISTED BY CHICAGO CRIME COMMISSION AS HAVING HOODLUM CONNECTIONS FROM DOING BUSINESS IN VILLAGE.

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☐ ADVISED WHEN SUCH ORDINANCE IS PASSED CO OP MUSIC WILL BE
UNABLE TO SERVICE THEIR SIX CALUMET PARK ACCOUNTS AND WILL
THEREFORE LOSE THIS BUSINESS.

☐ MOST APPRECIATIVE OF COOPERATION OF CHICAGO OFFICE
THIS MATTER.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE FEB 13 1970	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/19/69 - 2/4/70
TITLE OF CASE FRANK LA PORTE, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY SMO
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REFERENCE: Report of SA dated 11/20/69 at Chicago.
 Sacramento letter to Chicago dated 1/12/70.
 San Diego letter to Bureau dated 11/25/69.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue investigation of subject and his associates to determine whether or not their activities constitute a violation of Federal criminal statutes.

ADMINISTRATIVE

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Dun & Bradstreet BUSINESS INFORMATION REPORT

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CO-OPERATIVE MUSIC CO

COIN OPERATED PHONOGRAPH 1945

1728 HALSTED ST
CHICAGO HEIGHTS ILL 60411
TEL 312 755-4684

FRANK FRANZ, PARTNER

SUMMARY

PAYMENTS	DISC PPT
SALES	\$750,000
EMPLOYS	20
RECORD	INDIVIDUAL
TREND	STEADY

PAYMENTS	HC	OWE	P DUE TERMS	SEPT 23 1969	SOLD
	500	175	2 10 EOM	Disc	Yrs
	2000	400	30	Ppt	Yrs
	50		30	Ppt	Yrs

FINANCE

On Sept 23 1969 manager declined financial information. A local trade source reported:

Cash \$ 50,000
Mdse 25,000
Fixt & Equip 200,000

Annual sales \$750,000; liabilities are not determined. Fire insurance on mdse and fixt \$200,000.

Public records show following financing statements:

May 14 1968 to Atlas Music Co Chicago on specific equipment.

May 27 1969 to Empire Distributing Inc as equipment.

Volume is on steady level with operations yielding profit. Trend is steady.

Debt is not determined and working capital is adequate for meeting current obligations promptly.

BANKING

Bank reports balances average medium five figures, relations are satisfactory.

HISTORY

FRANK FRANZ

FRANK LA PORTE

PETER ZERANTE

MARTIN PULCHINI

The above are partners.

MICHAEL ROBERTS

ROBERT CURRY

MARY ALICE CURRY

MARION (MRS. F.) CURRY

Style unregistered, confirmed through local sources on Sept 23, 1969. Business started as partnership of Frank La Porte Peter Zerante and one Ralph Emery in 1945 and that partnership operated cigarette vending machines in addition to coin operated phonographs. In 1953 Emery withdrew and succeeded to cigarette vending division. La Porte and Zerante continued under captioned style. In 1953 Franz was admitted to interest. In 1961 Pulchini and Roberts and Curry were admitted to an interest. FRANZ born 1919 married and served in U S Armed Forces 1943-45 employed here 1945-53 he is brother in law of La Porte and has active management of this business.

LA PORTE born 1903 Italy as Frank Liperette in 1924 he changed his name to Frank La Porte in Chicago Heights Ill City Court, 1924-33 partner with Vincenzno Ammerati also known as Jim Emery in operation of

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several soft drink establishments in Chicago Heights Ill. 1953-55 partner with A. Amadio in the 21 Club a tavern in Calumet City Ill.

Records of the U S Tax Court Chicago Ill disclosed La Porte as a partner in Owl Club, Calumet City Ill 1947-50 records show La Porte stipulated to delinquent federal tax claim of \$57,157 plus costs and penalties in connection with unreported profits and income as partner in Owl Club 1947-50. Records of the Illinois Crime Commission, Chicago Ill disclosed Franz and La Porte were served with subpoenas Sept 9 1956 to appear for questioning of alleged forceful installation of coin operated phonographs in taverns in Southern Cook County Ill returnable Sept 23 1966, records Sept 23 1966 disclosed that Franz and La Porte were dismissed by the Illinois Crime Commission after pleading the 5th Amendment to U S Constitution of the questions put to them by the commission.

ZERANTE born 1892 married and active in the tavern line in Calumet City all adult career until 1964, since 1964 he has been retired.

ROBERTS Born 1893 single since employed as coin amusement machine repairman all adult career and latterly with subject from 1945 until admitted to interest.

PULCHINI born 1916 married and employed by La Porte until admitted to interest.

ROBERT born 1940 and married and employed by his father Francis Curry in similar line in Joliet Ill and until 1960.

MARY ALICE born 1938 single and she is employed as teacher by Joliet Board of Education Joliet Ill.

MARION born Joliet Ill in 1910 and married and active as housewife her husband is currently retired.

La Porte Franz and Zerante formerly appeared as partners in Wilco Tobacco and Music Co Joliet Ill 1950-66 when they sold their interests in that business to others.

OPERATION

Operates as lessor coin operated phonographs placed in taverns and restaurants on commission basis 85%. Retail's phonograph records to local trade for 15% cash and has 20 employees. LOCATION: Owns 1,900 square feet on first floor of two story brick building in good condition with housekeeping good.
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INFORMANTS

On November 19, 1969, [] furnished the following information:

He flew to Chicago on November 12, 1969, and was picked up by [] chauffeur and bodyguard for Chicago LCN Capo FRANK LA PORTE. They drove to LA PORTE's sister's home. Her name is DOLLY, who lives across the street from LA PORTE. Later LA PORTE arrived and told him that he had just been at a meeting with PAUL DE LUCIA, aka PAUL "The Waiter" RICCA and TONY ACCARDO.

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They drove to Savoias Restaurant for dinner. The informant told LA PORTE about the casino employees local they were attempting to form in Las Vegas and how much it meant to them financially. He also told LA PORTE that their efforts were being blocked by SIDNEY KORSHAK and they wanted Chicago outfit help, if possible, to put the pressure on MARSHALL and SIDNEY KORSHAK and that if they could not help them at least they could refrain from opposing them.

Informant stated that LA PORTE told him that the "sad truth of the matter" is that the Chicago outfit has very little power at this time over MARSHALL KORSHAK. He stated that KORSHAK is now "in politics" as City Treasurer and a "big shot" in the Daley machine and that they "can't even talk to him." LA PORTE also told the informant that SIDNEY KORSHAK has "turned out to be a rat" and has broken away from LCN influence.

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Informant asked LA PORTE if he could set up a meeting for him with TONY ACCARDO but LA PORTE told him he could not, saying that ACCARDO was leaving the next day for an out of town trip.

As they continued to talk, LA PORTE told the informant that the Chicago outfit had little or no political power left and that "the only one in the State that they could talk to" was Illinois secretary of state, PAUL POWELL (Demo.) who would "go to hell for the outfit."

As LA PORTE continued to drink, he became more bellicose in his remarks and attitude toward JIMMY "The Weasel" FRATIANNO. The informant told him that the suspicions on the West Coast were than FRATIANNO had sold out to the authors of the Look Magazine article. LA PORTE is now expecting to get a subpoena for a deposition as he is

mentioned prominently in the Look Magazine article and is now blaming this on FRATIANNO.

After this, they went to the Sulky Club in Homewood, Illinois. There LA PORTE continued to bitterly criticize FRATIANNO saying that he had lost many thousands of dollars becoming involved in FRATIANNO's trucking company and that not only himself but his friends were taken financially and that his good friend, banker [redacted] lost his job as president of the Mercantile Bank in Chicago as a result of loans to FRATIANNO Trucking arranged by LA PORTE.

LA PORTE indicated that the LCN in Chicago has continued to be run by DE LUCIA and ACCARDO acting together with a group of important Capos. He indicated that he meets with them once or twice a month in a downtown Chicago restaurant for lunch and that they are sometimes observed.

Informant got the impression that LA PORTE is almost completely inactive now and the only thing he has going is a vending machine business. LA PORTE has sold his property at Linden, California, and has arranged through his friend, [redacted] of Huntington Beach, California, to sell his mill and mining property in Northern California. He also got the impression that LA PORTE does not get along with the Italian Mayor in his territory and that LA PORTE is financially backing someone else for Mayor in his territory.

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They discussed the ALIOTO v. Look Magazine suit and they both agreed that they were going to take the Fifth Amendment privilege and would not give a deposition favorable to ALIOTO. LA PORTE has been in contact with Los Angeles hoodlum attorney [redacted] regarding this matter but has decided to use his own Chicago attorney to refuse to give a deposition.

The informant advised that while he was back there, it was impossible for him to contact his old acquaintance, "Milwaukee PHIL" ALDERISSIO, as he is now confined at Leavenworth.

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The informant stated that in general his trip to Chicago was a failure. He feels that LA PORTE still blames him for getting him involved with FRATIANNO and that he will not do anything to help him. He got the impression that LA PORTE was "all through" and had nothing substantial going for him in the way of racket activity and that the Daley administration in Chicago was too strong for them to control. The informant stated that before he left, LA PORTE promised to contact ACCARDO on his behalf to apply what pressure they could on MARSHALL KORSHAK but informant stated at this point he is not even sure LA PORTE will do anything.

On January 8, 1970, [redacted] former confidential informant of the San Francisco Office, furnished the following information to SA [redacted]

LA PORTE is casually acquainted with the owner or manager of the Walker River Lodge, Bridgeport, California, having stayed at that lodge when visiting in the Bridgeport area.

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[redacted] stated that on January 4, 1970, he flew to Chicago, Illinois, and returned to California on JANUARY 5, 1970. He contacted FRANK LA PORTE to see if LA PORTE was interested in [redacted] and if LA PORTE had any objections to [redacted]. LA PORTE stated that he was not interested [redacted] and was agreeable to [redacted]. LA PORTE indicated that he is afraid to visit California at this time because he believes that he will be served with a subpoena to testify about his association with JOE ALIOTO. LA PORTE indicated that his only contact with ALIOTO had been in regards to a possible investment in a new bank that was being created but LA PORTE desired not to make the investment when he learned that he could not purchase any stock in the bank. ILL.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of:
Date:SA [REDACTED]
FEB 13 1970

Office: Chicago, Illinois

Field Office File #: 92-920

Bureau File #: 92-5793

Title: FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Credit check for subject set forth. Subject left his car in the Hinsdale Oasis of the Tri-State Tollway from 12:30 p.m. to about 4:00 p.m. on 11/20/69.

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[REDACTED] states that she runs Park Lane Beauty Shop for [REDACTED] states [REDACTED] has disappeared and may be with a man identified as [REDACTED]. Subject continues to own Cooperative Music Company employes ~~FRANK~~ ~~FRANZE~~ to manage it. LA PORTE was patient at St. James Hospital, Harvey, Illinois. *ILL.*

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DETAILS:

On January 13, 1970, [REDACTED] Clerk, Chicago Heights Credit Bureau, Inc., Chicago Heights, Illinois, advised that the files of her office reflect the following information:

FRANK LA PORTE and his wife MARGARET became known to the credit bureau in 1935. MARGARET is deceased and FRANK LA PORTE has been residing on Cambridge Avenue, Flossmoor, Illinois, since 1955.

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LA PORTE is listed as being self-employed at the Cooperative Music Company. He has never been cleared by credit.

On January 20, 1970, Chief JACK ZIEGLER, Chicago Heights Police Department, advised that he had learned that the subject was a patient at the St. James Hospital, Harvey, Illinois, from January 13 to January 17, 1970, where he underwent a coronary check-up.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 12/2/69

The following observations were made at the time indicated on November 20, 1969:

10:55 a.m.

FRANK LAPORTE came from the entrance of Co-Operative Music Company, 1720 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, on Hickory Street. He entered a black over green Oldsmobile, 1969 Illinois license KS349, and proceeded north on Chicago Road, then north on Dixie Highway, then north on South Park to the Tri-State Tollway. LAPORTE, who was alone in the car, entered the tollway and continued north to the Ogden Avenue exit in Hinsdale. He left the tollway at that exit, crossed over the tollway on Ogden, then entered the south bound lanes of the Tri-State Tollway and proceeded south.

12:30 p.m.

The above described Oldsmobile was parked in the west parking lot of the Hinsdale Oasis on the Tri-State Tollway. Inspection of the two service stations and restaurant and coffee shop in the Oasis failed to reveal LAPORTE's presence.

2:00 p.m.

The above described Oldsmobile was still parked where it had been parked at 12:30 p.m.

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by SA /pmb Date dictated 11/25/69
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/2/68

[redacted] Assistant Manager, Standard Service Station, West Lynn, Hinsdale Oasis, Tri-State Tollway, Hinsdale, Illinois, advised that at about 4:00 p.m. he had seen a white male enter a black over green Oldsmobile that had been parked in front of his service station. He had not seen from where the man had come nor did he see anyone with the man. The man had just appeared at the car, entered it and drove away.

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On 11/23/68 at Hinsdale, Illinois File # CG 92-023

by SA [redacted] /mab Date dictated 11/23/68

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On November 21, 1969, at 10:10 a.m., [REDACTED] was observed driving the subject's black-over-green Oldsmobile. He proceeded south on Dixie Highway and continued south on Chicago Road to the Cooperative Music Company where he parked the car and entered the south entrance of that business.

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On November 25, 1969, at 12:32 a.m., the subject was observed traveling north on Chicago Road near Dixie Highway in his black-over-green Oldsmobile. He stopped for gasoline at the Shell Service Station at the intersection of Joe Orr Road and Dixie Highway and proceeded east on Joe Orr Road.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 17, 1963

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[redacted] also known as
[redacted] Thornton,
Illinois, furnished the following information:

She is manager of the Park Lane Beauty Salon at 1135 127th Street, Calumet Park, Illinois, and has been serving in that position since July, 1963. She has six female employees now besides herself. When she took over the shop it had only two employees, both of whom had been working at the shop when it was operated by [redacted]

The shop is owned by [redacted] [redacted] is responsible to [redacted] for the shop's operation and she contacts him by calling the Co-Op Music Company in Chicago Heights. She does not have any personal contact with FRANK LA PORTE. She met him one time during the summer of 1963, when she met him and [redacted] at [redacted] Restaurant in Blue Island. LA PORTE had little to say during their meeting and she was amazed to learn of his criminal background when she read an article in the "Look" magazine.

About ten years ago [redacted] was working at Adolph's in Homewood and Mrs. FRANK LA PORTE was one of her customers. She had no personal contact with FRANK LA PORTE, but heard people talk about him. Later, [redacted] operated a beauty salon in the basement of her residence in Dolton, but closed this shop about six years ago when she and her family moved to their present address.

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In June, 1963, [redacted] became employed as a cocktail waitress at the Sully Lounge in Glenwood. In this position she became acquainted with [redacted]. One night, [redacted] was at the Sully Lounge and asked her if she would be interested in managing his beauty salon. She was aware of [redacted] reputation and hesitated to accept the position. She discussed the matter with her husband for about a month and finally they

On 12/9/63 at Thornton, Illinois File # CG 92-320

by SA [redacted] DJD Date dictated 12/12/63

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decided the opportunity to work during the daytime would be enough to overcome the association with [redacted] and his group.

[redacted] is making \$10.00 a week less than she was making as a cocktail waitress, but she believes she will receive a raise when she has established the business again. She has limited her contacts with [redacted] to business matters and has been careful not to ask about any of his other activities. He does not talk about other matters and has conducted himself as a gentleman when he is with her.

[redacted] had operated the beauty shop for [redacted] until March, 1960, when she suddenly disappeared. [redacted] does not know where POSEY had gone nor does she know why POSEY left. [redacted] had heard of POSEY before she took over the shop. [redacted] had tried to operate the shop as an exclusive salon and charged high prices for her work. [redacted] is trying to change the salon so that it would appeal to the middle class trade. She has been contacted by a lot of bill collectors and it seems that [redacted] had paid only a few bills since January, 1960.

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About two or three weeks ago police from Calumet Park came into the shop. There was some problem about the shop's license to do business being renewed. She took the men through the shop and showed them how she had cleaned up the building and equipment. A few days later the license to do business was issued.

[redacted] said that she has never attempted to conceal [redacted] ownership of the beauty shop and she believes that he was listed as the shop's owner when it was being operated by [redacted]

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From the time that DOBRY left until [redacted] took over the shop it was operated by the two girls who had been working for [redacted]. They did not know what to do and the business deteriorated badly. [redacted] has been gradually rebuilding the business and she believes that she will be successful.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 17, 1969

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[redacted] also known as [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois,
furnished the following information:

She is a close personal friend of [redacted] and has known her for about six years or over since [redacted] began operating the Park Lane Beauty Salon in Calumet Park. Almost every Wednesday they would go shopping and have lunch together. [redacted] had a close personal relationship with FRANK LA PIERRE and made many trips with him. She had a lot of money to spend and lived in a house provided for her by LA PIERRE.

[redacted] is a fine thoughtful person except when she is drinking. She drinks a lot at times and becomes intoxicated. Then she does things that she should not do and later regrets having done them. While PERRY was associated with LA PIERRE she also had some relationships with other men. LA PIERRE strongly resented these relationships and forced her to leave Chicago Heights.

In the latter part of March, [redacted] suddenly left Chicago area. She abandoned the beauty shop and has not been living at her home. [redacted] has not been [redacted] since that time but did receive a telephone call from her in April, 1969. She wanted [redacted] to have some jewelry repaired and turned over to her boyfriend. For several months [redacted] had been seeing a man named GALT whose last name she does not know but who was employed as a salesman by the House of Charles in Chicago Heights. This man picked up the jewelry from [redacted] after it had been repaired.

[redacted] said that she knew [redacted] background and the type of people she associated with, but she found her to be congenial and they got along well with each other. [redacted] did not ask [redacted] about her activities with FRANK LA PIERRE and his associates. [redacted] was a highly trained hair stylist and at one time studied in Italy. The beauty shop that was provided by LA PIERRE was listed

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by [redacted] Date dictated 12/12/69
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as being owned by [redacted] When [redacted] left, LA PORTE and [redacted] were away on a business trip. They telephoned the beauty shop and asked an employee there to continue operating the shop until they returned. [redacted] subsequently hired [redacted] to manage the shop for him. [redacted] had been working as a waitress at the Gulby Lounge in Glenwood, Illinois.

[redacted] said that she is presently employed as a waitress at Carson's restaurant, 3435 West 111th Street, where she started working in September, 1963. Previously, she worked one day at Max Pisko's restaurant in Miss Island. She said that she had believed that the building where [redacted] restaurant is located had belonged to FRANK LA PORTE and she does not know how [redacted] acquired the building. She said she worked at [redacted] business was slow and she earned only \$3.00.

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For four years [redacted] worked as the night waitress at Reno's at Vermont and Western Avenue. Some of the customers there bet on horse races with a bookmaker who worked near the restaurant. These customers did not have much money and usually did not bet more than \$2.00.

[redacted] said that [redacted] told her that if she ever wanted to contact [redacted] to call [redacted] family at Box 6001, Route 3, Clarkburg, West Virginia, telephone number area code 304, RA 3-6357.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 1/23/701

[redacted] President, Charlen, Incorporated, 164 East 22nd Street, Chicago Heights, advised that he formerly owned a men's clothing store known as the House of Charles, at 645 Halsted, Chicago Heights, Illinois. When he and his partners organized the Charlen Corporation, he sold the clothing store. One of the purchasers was [redacted] who is an uncle of [redacted] was supposed to have purchased 25% of the House of Charles and that amount of stock was transferred to him. However, [redacted] have never paid [redacted] anything for the stock, but instead has left the Chicago Heights area.

[redacted] has turned over the matter to his attorney who is trying to locate [redacted]. The last information that [redacted] received concerning [redacted] whereabouts is that he is somewhere in Florida and is moving from place to place. His last residence in Chicago Heights was with his aunt, [redacted] who resides in the Westgate area.

[redacted] said that he is acquainted with [redacted] and has heard that she is with [redacted] in Florida. He said that he has heard of FRANK LA PORTE, but is not personally acquainted with him.

[redacted] said that other officers in the Charlen Corporation are [redacted] Vice President and [redacted] Treasurer. The company publishes a magazine which is distributed free of charge to prospective brides. It makes its profits by selling advertising to merchants whose advertisements are printed in the magazine. The business was formerly operated at 195 Joe Orr Road, Chicago Heights.

On 1/16/70 at Chicago Heights, Ill. File # CG 92-920

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 1/23/70

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[redacted] President, Charlen, Incorporated, 164 East 22nd Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, furnished the following information:

This business is engaged in publishing and distributing a bridal magazine named "Happily Ever After". The magazine is sent free of charge to prospective brides and contains numerous advertisements. The company receives its profits from the advertising it sells to merchants and other businesses. Franchises are sold for various sections of the country, and the franchise holder then tries to sell advertising space to merchants in his territory. The business operates much like the "Welcome Wagon".

Other officers in Charlen are [redacted] Vice President, and [redacted] Treasurer. [redacted] is a cousin of [redacted] with whom [redacted] is personally acquainted. He is aware that [redacted] has been connected with gambling and has been arrested several times. [redacted] has purchased a franchise in Charlen for the California area and has been working hard to get established in that area. He has achieved some success and has sold some advertising to merchants there. He is maintaining an office at 2750 Harbor Boulevard, Suite 7B, Costa Mesa, California, 92626 and is spending much time in California trying to get the business established. [redacted] believes that [redacted] has incorporated his franchise in California under the name of "Happily Ever After".

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[redacted] said that he is operating a legitimate business and is not connected in any way with gambling or any other criminal activity. He is hopeful that [redacted] past activities will have no adverse effect upon the Charlen business as they are engaged in advertising and a company must have a good reputation to succeed in that field.

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by SA [redacted] kdj Date dictated 1/19/70

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[redacted] purchased his franchise about eight months ago. He has not indicated whether or not he will move to California on a permanent basis. He is waiting to see how the business progresses before making any permanent decisions.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date February 12, 1970

SAM DI GIOVANNI, 1552 Edgewood, Chicago Heights, Illinois, furnished the following information:

He came to the United States from Italy just prior to 1918. He and his sister had come to the United States when his sister was married in Colorado. Her fiancé had sent the money to Italy to pay the fare for DI GIOVANNI and his sister to come to Colorado. DI GIOVANNI found work in a mine.

In 1918, DI GIOVANNI came to Chicago Heights where he opened a small store and bakery on 22nd Street. After a few years, he closed the bakery and opened a grocery store on 16th Street near Vincennes Avenue. In the early 1950's, he closed this store and opened a retail liquor store on 14th Street near Wentworth, which he operated until his retirement in 1959. He gave the business to his son, however, the son was a poor businessman and soon went broke. This son did not like school and had refused to go to college. Now he is working for the City of Chicago Heights and lives on the north side of town with his wife and six children.

DI GIOVANNI has two daughters, both of whom are married. One of the daughters, who was recently married, lives with DI GIOVANNI and her husband is working at a factory in Harvey, Illinois. This daughter works as a beautician in a shop near Ashland Avenue and Dixie Highway.

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In the early 1950's, DI GIOVANNI purchased some property with a small house on it in Cedar Lake, Indiana. He paid about \$3400 for the property and enjoyed the lake's facilities for several years. Now the lake is becoming polluted and is too crowded with motor boats. DI GIOVANNI has been to Cedar Lake only about four times in the last four years. One of his daughters has several children and they usually spend summer vacation at Cedar Lake. DI GIOVANNI has been trying to sell this property for several years but no one is showing any interest in buying.

DI GIOVANNI's wife died about eight years ago. His own health is not good and he is careful about his diet and

On 2/4/70 at Chicago Heights, Illinois File # CG 92-1729
by SA SMO Date dictated 2/6/70

activities. He has many friends among the Italian Community in Chicago Heights. He has known these people since his early days in Chicago Heights and maintains a close relationship with them. One of these people is CHARLES PATTI, who died recently, and DI GIOVANNI attended his wake last Sunday.

PETE ZARANTI, FRANK LA PORTE, AL PILOTTO, PHIL BACINO, SAM MACALUSO and JOHN COSTELLO have been close friends and associates of DI GIOVANNI for many years. All of these men were customers of DI GIOVANNI's business. They attend the same social and church affairs such as weddings, wakes and funerals. Although they seldom visit in each others' homes, they see each other frequently on the streets in Chicago Heights.

DI GIOVANNI said that he has never had any business interest in Cooperative Music Company. FRANK LA PORTE set up this business and his brother-in-law FRANK FRANZE is running it for him. LA PORTE is not in good health and is no longer active in the business. He goes to Cooperative Music Store during the day to have some place to go and to meet his friends.

DI GIOVANNI said that he does not own any property in Calumet City. He does not know how the Regal Vending Company, Cooperative Music Company and Chicago Heights Distributing Company were able to list so many taverns in Calumet City as customers. He has made it a policy not to inquire about his friend's business. All of these men have made a lot of money after a poor beginning. They have raised their children and they have taken care of their families.

AL PILOTTO and [redacted] are connected with the Labor Union in Chicago Heights. [redacted] father had helped to establish the union and PILOTTO is its head now. DI GIOVANNI said that he sees PILOTTO almost every day.

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PETE ZARANTI is a close, long-time friend. He is 80 years old now and is in poor health. He has to spend most of his time in bed and his mind seems to fade from time to time. ZARANTI still owns the property on 159th Street in Calumet City where he used to have his restaurant. The building is leased to a restaurant chain now and that chain is running a restaurant there. ZARANTI is not able to run any business now because of his health. His brother

still owns and operates Zaranti's Steak House in Chicago Heights.

PHIL BACINO is another close friend of DI GIOVANNI who calls him frequently on the telephone. He is much less active now than he was a few years ago. His restaurant in Calumet City does a good business and BACINO does spend some time there. He serves as kind of a manager but his sons are actually running the restaurant.

DI GIOVANNI said that he did business with the Chicago Heights Distributing Company when he was running the liquor store. He is acquainted with both SAM MACALUSO and JOHN COSTELLO who own the Chicago Heights Distributing Company. They have been in the wholesale liquor distribution business for a long time and are well known throughout this area.

DI GIOVANNI said that JIM EMERY, who was the father of RALPH EMERY, was about two years younger than he is. EMERY was a very rich man and had interest throughout the United States. He traveled widely and probably spent more time away from Chicago Heights than he did in town. He had stables and race horses which he raced wherever there were races in the United States. After JIM EMERY's death, his property seemed to disappear and DI GIOVANNI does not know what has happened to it. He said that RALPH EMERY does not have near the wealth that his father had but is supporting himself and his family through the earnings of the Regal Vending Company. He said that RALPH EMERY seems to live comfortably but not in the grand style of his father.

About three months ago, DI GIOVANNI spent a weekend at JOE BARRETT's resort in Kentucky. BARRETT had fixed up his place nice enough, however, DI GIOVANNI felt that it cost him too much money. He said that the resort is located on a lake, however, DI GIOVANNI would not go out on the lake because he cannot swim. BARRETT had lost a lot of weight and seemed to be in poor health.

DI GIOVANNI said that when he operated the grocery store on "Hungry Hill", one of his suppliers of cheese products was the Grande Cheese Company, which is operated by the FILIPPI CANDELLA family of Wisconsin. He has continued

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his association with this family and they call each other on the telephone and visit each other whenever they have the chance to do so.

JOSEPH PEZZOTO, who lives in South Chicago Heights, is another close friend whom DI GIOVANNI visits often. DI GIOVANNI goes to PEZZOTO's house to obtain drinking water because he does not like the water in Chicago Heights. PEZZOTO is about 74 years of age and his son was recently killed when a ditch caved in while he was working in Chicago Heights. His son had been a member of the Chicago Heights Fire Department.

DI GIOVANNI and his brother still own property in the Chicago Heights area. All of this property is rented and it includes residential property on 322nd Street and business property on 14th and 16th Streets. The rental of this property helps keep DI GIOVANNI active and gives him something to do with his time. DI GIOVANNI said that he is able to drive himself but remains at home unless the weather is good. He said that he and his friends often comment that things just are not like they were in the good old days.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 2/5/70

[redacted] Owner Bar X Tavern, 300 State Street, Calumet City, Illinois, furnished the following information:

PHIL BACINO

She has known PHIL BACINO for a long time. He operates John's Pizzeria at 121 State Street, Calumet City. [redacted] used to own the property across the street from John's and had an old 13 room house on it. About six years ago [redacted] sold the property to BACINO who tore down the house and is using the property as a parking lot. [redacted] believes that BACINO obtained financing for the purchase from The Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Calumet City at Pulaski and Wentworth Streets. At the time of the purchase BACINO indicated that he needed to borrow \$10,000.00. [redacted] said that the deed to the property was not made out in BACINO's name, but was in the name of one of his sons.

REGAL VENDING COMPANY

[redacted] said that the Regal Vending Company of Chicago Heights has a cigarette vending machine in her tavern. The company has had a machine there for a long time, and it may have been there since 1953. The company services the machine regularly, and [redacted] is satisfied with the way that they do business. She has had offers from a vending company in Blue Island, but has elected to stay with Regal.

CHICAGO HEIGHTS DISTRIBUTING COMPANY

[redacted] said that she has been doing business with Chicago Heights Distributing Company ever since she started operating a tavern. She picks up liquor at the company's warehouse in Chicago Heights, and they make deliveries to her business. The company has been good about making special deliveries to her whenever she happened to run short of some particular liquor. Her dealings with the company have been good and she has had no reason to complain about their treatment of her.

On 1/28/70 at Calumet City, Illinois File # 92-920, 92-1947

by SA [redacted] /PLM

Date dictated 1/30/70

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CO-OPERATIVE MUSIC COMPANY (CO-OP)

Years ago she had a jukebox in her tavern that was furnished by Co-Op. She had just opened up her tavern and dealt with that Company then. In the late 1950's [redacted] closed her tavern for a while and when she reopened, she told Co-Op to remove their jukebox. She did not like the way they did business. The man who was supposed to service the jukebox did a poor job, and sometimes left a record in the machine for over two years. She had no trouble getting rid of the machine and Co-Op removed it when she asked them to do so.

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The M & M Music Company of Hammond, Indiana, installed a jukebox in her tavern, and she has done business with that company ever since. She presently has one coin-operated pool table and one jukebox which are furnished by the M & M Music Company.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 2/4/70

[redacted] Owner Bar X Tavern, 300 State Street, Calumet City, Illinois, furnished the following information:

She has been operating a tavern on State Street in Calumet City since 1953. She is an independent operator, owning her building and her business. In the past some people have been treated roughly and attempts were made to take over their business, but the syndicate has never bothered her. She is personally acquainted with Chief LINKIEWICZ and Mayor NOVAK. Any time someone tries to cause her trouble, she does not hesitate to call the police, and if the police do not respond quickly, she contacts the Mayor's Office or the Chief of Police personally.

[redacted] has known [redacted] for a long time. Before he was sent to the penitentiary, [redacted] rented [redacted] tavern for about three months. During that time he caused nothing but trouble and the Mayor's Office closed the tavern for a period of time. [redacted] was able to force [redacted] out of the tavern and resumed operating it herself. [redacted] filed suit against [redacted] for \$6,000. He was in the penitentiary when the trial was heard however, and judge ruled in [redacted] favor. She had to pay only her attorney's fee of \$250.00.

[redacted] was released from the penitentiary about one year ago. He is living in Hammond, Indiana, with his wife. They are living upstairs over his mother's residence at [redacted] Hammond. He has turned his wife into a prostitute and is acting as a pimp for her. He has been bragging about the money that she is earning. [redacted] believes that [redacted] has his wife working in two houses of prostitution. One is located in Gary and one is near South Bend on the Elkhart County Line. [redacted] wife is a sister of [redacted] who owns a hotel in Hammond, and who is a professional gambler.

[redacted] has brought his wife to Calumet City, but [redacted] has not known of him to hustle his wife in Illinois. She said that both [redacted] and [redacted] are careful not to cross the state line to gamble because of the Federal laws.

On 1/28/70 at Calumet City, Illinois File# CG 166-1632

by SA [redacted] /PLM Date dictated 1/29/70

[redacted] went to jail with [redacted] and both have been connected with the Shay Club, which is owned by [redacted] since their release. [redacted] has been trying to go straight and has bought two or three trucks which he is operating. [redacted] tried to drive one of the trucks for [redacted] but about three weeks ago [redacted] heard that [redacted] had run him off.

About six months ago [redacted] came into Calumet City and was able to obtain a liquor license for the Caravan Club at 401 State Street. He lied to obtain the license and will lose it as soon as Mayor NOVAK's trial in Federal Court is completed. [redacted] claimed that he is living at [redacted] in a house behind Theisen's Sandwich Shop. This address is across the street from [redacted] building and [redacted] is certain that neither [redacted] nor [redacted] has even lived at [redacted]. A man named [redacted] who drives a white car, resides behind Theisen's.

[redacted] has been able to fleece [redacted] out of \$6000.00, and claims that she still owes him over \$5000.00. He supposedly sold her the Caravan Lounge, but actually he had nothing to sell as the building and equipment belong to the woman who lives upstairs over the tavern. [redacted] had nothing but a liquor license which he obtained by lying about his address. [redacted] is a widow and formerly operated the Bank Tavern in Hammond, but she closed that tavern herself. [redacted] resides at [redacted] Hammond, Indiana, where her telephone number is 932-2521. [redacted] is trying to run the Caravan Tavern, but both [redacted] are pestering her for the extra money they claim she owes them.

[redacted] considers [redacted] to be no good and a con-man. He has cheated the Government out of a lot of money, and before he went to prison he stuck a lot of loan companies with bad debts by obtaining loans and never repaying them. [redacted] has banned [redacted] from her tavern. She says that she cannot understand how [redacted] can condone [redacted] turning [redacted] sister into a prostitute.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE MAY 19 1970	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/24 - 5/14/70
TITLE OF CASE FRANK LA PORTE, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY cb
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REFERENCES: Chicago report of SA dated 2/13/70.
 San Diego letter to Bureau dated 4/16/70.
 Sacramento letter to Chicago dated 2/3/70.
 Pittsburgh letter to Chicago dated 3/30/70.
 Chicago letter to Tampa dated 4/9/70.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue investigation of subject and his associates to determine whether or not they are violating any federal criminal statutes.

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INFORMANTS

mit { On 3/30/70, [] advised that Chicago LCN Capo FRANK LA PORTE called him on 3/29/70 and told him to contact ROSELLI and to furnish him with instructions from the LCN leadership. Accordingly, on 3/30/70 LA PORTE arrived in San Diego via American Airlines Flight Number 165 and resided in Room 1422 at the Town and Country Hotel in San Diego.

{ At the request of LA PORTE, attempts were made to contact ROSELLI in Los Angeles and it was learned through his attorney, [] that ROSELLI was in the Miami, Florida area, possibly staying with his sister but would be back in a few days.

LA PORTE decided to visit his sister in Stockton, California, while awaiting ROSELLI's return.

mit { While LA PORTE was in San Diego, he associated with San Diego LCN hoodlum FRANK BOMPENSIERO; [] and [] of Huntington Beach, California.

LA PORTE had very little information to relate regarding his current activities. He indicated that most of his time was occupied with running his vending machine company in the Chicago area and that he had over 1,000 juke boxes on location. LA PORTE indicated that the old LCN operation in Chicago had broken down and that Negro hoodlums were moving in and were referred to as "the black mafia."

✓ Informant advised that ROSELLI finally returned from Miami and they held a meeting with him on 4/7/70 in the Los Angeles area. They met at 12:00 noon in the office of Attorney [] Informant, ROSELLI and LA PORTE thereafter went to Paul's Continental Cuisine Restaurant, 9045 Burton Way, Beverly Hills. At this meeting, LA PORTE told ROSELLI that he had come to see him upon the instructions

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of Chicago LCN Bosses TONY ACCARDO and PAUL RICCA. They instructed ROSELLI not to make any further attempts to extort money under any conditions from top Jewish hoodlum MORRIS BARNEY DALITZ, aka Moe. ROSELLI became extremely agitated and kept repeating over and over again that he was being made to look foolish. ROSELLI tried to tell LA PORTE that he had been instrumental along with "Ruben" in making it possible for DALITZ, et al, to sell the Desert Inn and Stardust Hotels to HOWARD HUGHES and in keeping DALITZ on in the management so that the skimming operation could continue after the sale. ROSELLI claimed that RUBEN later died and that he, ROSELLI, never got any of the money out of DALITZ that was due him, and that DALITZ brought his own people in and set up a new percentage cut of his skimming operations. ROSELLI told LA PORTE that now he was hard pressed financially as a result of his legal expenses and being cut off from Las Vegas and he needed this money. Only for this reason was he going after DALITZ for the money he felt was due him.

ROSELLI wanted LA PORTE to "get all the facts" and bring them back to ACCARDO and RICCA but LA PORTE refused to carry such a message. LA PORTE told ROSELLI that he was not going to be placed in the position of having to run back and forth with messages and that if ROSELLI wanted to make his position clear or wanted permission to demand money from DALITZ he should go back to Chicago himself to explain it. ROSELLI finally realized that he would not be able to get LA PORTE to intercede for him. He told LA PORTE that he owes about \$100,000 to attorneys and investors and complained that his own people were turning their back on him. ROSELLI explained that while he was in Florida recently he was aware of the fact that TONY ACCARDO was also there. He told them that on several occasions he called JOE FISCHETTI knowing that FISCHETTI would be in contact with ACCARDO and would report to ACCARDO that ROSELLI was in Miami. Each time he called FISCHETTI, FISCHETTI acted as if there was nothing going on and made no mention of ACCARDO, which indicated to him that ACCARDO did not wish to see him.

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(Informant advised that JOE FISCHETTI is a brother of the infamous CHARLIE FISCHETTI, LCN member who died several years ago after appearing before the Kefauver Committee.)

LA PORTE admitted under questioning by ROSELLI knowing that ACCARDO was in the Miami area, but he had been given instruction to contact ROSELLI in California and not in Miami.

By this time ROSELLI realized it was useless talking to LA PORTE and they left, dropping ROSELLI off at Beverly and La Cienaga Boulevards.

Enroute back to San Diego, LA PORTE indicated that TONY ACCARDO had no use for ROSELLI and that ROSELLI had lost his power with the Chicago LCN when former Boss SAM GIANCANA left. Chicago LCN will not pay for ROSELLI's legal expenses.

LA PORTE left for Chicago on American Airlines Flight 62 on 4/8/70.

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago
1 - Attorney in Charge (AIC), Chicago Field Office
JAMES J. FEATHERSTONE

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: Chicago, Illinois
Date: MAY 19 1970
Field Office File #: 92-920 Bureau File #: 92-5793
Title: FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: [REDACTED] identified as owner of Walker River Lodge, Bridgeport, California which has been visited by subject. [REDACTED] reported to be in Clearwater, Florida and to be married to [REDACTED]. Her relatives reside in Clarksburg, West Virginia. [REDACTED] socially acquainted with [REDACTED] and other sisters of subject. Results of observations of subject's residence set forth. Subject subpoenaed in civil action filed by Mayor JOE ALIOTO against Look Magazine. FRANK LUZI interviewed at Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at Bridgeport, California:

On January 29, 1970, WILLIAM EVANS, Sheriff, Mono County, advised that the Walker River Lodge at Bridgeport, California, is owned and managed by [REDACTED] who built the motel in about 1950. Sheriff EVANS stated that through personal conversation with [REDACTED] he, [REDACTED] is aware that LA PORTE has resided at the above motel on approximately four or five occasions

during the past few years. Sheriff EVANS stated that he feels confident that [redacted] association with LA PORTE is entirely professional in nature, that being in connection with LA PORTE's associates and/or activities other than during the times he resides at his motel.

On March 19, 1970, investigation at Clarksburg; West Virginia determined that the resident of Route 3, Box 285 D, Clarksburg, West Virginia is [redacted]. The 1969 Clarksburg City Directory shows that [redacted] is the subscriber to telephone number 623-0387.

On March 19, 1970, efforts were made to contact [redacted] however, there was no one at home. Inquiry of a neighbor indicated that they have been in Florida for three or four weeks and plan to remain there for approximately six months. They are visiting with their daughter, [redacted] who is also known as [redacted]. *ILL.*

nee On March 19, 1970, [redacted] Clarksburg, West Virginia, advised that [redacted] is his sister and that she is currently living in Clearwater, Florida. For a number of years, she lived in the Chicago, Illinois area and operated a beauty shop. [redacted] advised that the name of FRANK LA PORTE is known to him as a friend of his sister. LA PORTE visited the home of his parents in Clarksburg on two or three occasions. [redacted] advised that he was a little suspicious of the background of LA PORTE, but was not aware of his criminal affiliations in Chicago until a Life Magazine article identified him and published his photograph.

[redacted] advised that approximately one year ago, his sister left Chicago. She did not advise the family that she was leaving and it was several months later that she finally contacted her parents from Clearwater, Florida, advising that she is now married to [redacted] and they are operating a motel at 1380 Park Street, Clearwater, Florida.

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On April 9, 1970, [] Investigator, Chicago Crime Commission, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the attorney who represents Chicago Crime Commission is seeking to locate the subject in order that the subject can be served with a subpoena in connection with the libel suit that has been filed by JOE ALIOTO, Mayor of San Francisco, against Look Magazine. He said that efforts to serve the subject had been unsuccessful and that he was trying to locate the subject in order to assist the attorney.

On April 10, 1970, [] advised that [] who is an attorney with the firm of Kirland, Ellis, Hodson, and others, at 130 East Randolph, Chicago, Illinois, is representing Look Magazine in connection with the above mentioned libel suit.

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[] said that [] had been contacted by [] who is an attorney representing the subject. [] indicated that he would make the subject available for a deposition on April 16, 1970, however, [] had indicated that the subject would refuse to furnish any information.

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Date February 17, 1970.

[redacted] was contacted at the Caravan Lounge, 401-403 State Street, Calumet City, Illinois, where she furnished the following information:

She assumed control of the operations of the Caravan Lounge in December, 1969, after she agreed to pay \$11,500.00 to [redacted]

[redacted] had opened the tavern after he obtained a retail liquor license from Calumet City. This license expired in January, 1970, and [redacted] has been operating the tavern under a temporary extension because Mayor NOVAK has not been able to attend to the business of the City Liquor Commission.

When [redacted] started running the Caravan, a juke box from the Co-operative Music Company and a cigarette vending machine of the Regal Vending Company were already inside the tavern. [redacted] has done nothing about these machines. The route-men have continued to service the machines, however, [redacted] does not know the names of either man.

Since she took over the Caravan, she has received \$27.00 from the cigarette vending man. This money was in an envelope and was left on the bar.

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The juke box is not working properly and [redacted] has been trying to get it repaired. The route-man finally contacted her and told her that he wanted to make an appointment for the manufacturer's representative to repair the machine.

[redacted] has not signed any contracts in regards to either machine. She does not know what, if anything, she should receive from the machines and so far she has not tried to find out. Neither route-man has said anything to her about continuing the machines presence in the caravan. They have just continued to service the machines as they see fit.

On 2/9/70 at Calumet City, Illinois. File # CG 92-2013

SA [redacted] 1mk Date dictated 2/11/70

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[redacted] [redacted] has not mentioned the machines to [redacted] and his associates because she is having a dispute with them about the money to be paid for the caravan. She said that she knows nothing about the Regal Vending Co. or the Co-Operative Music Company.

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Date 3/2/70

Patrolman [redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois, Police Department, advised that at approximately 2:00 pm on February 19, 1970, he and Chief of Police JOHN BARTON, Flossmoor Police Department, had been driving in an easterly direction on Vardon Lane, Flossmoor, towards Dixie Highway. He stated that he had observed a 1968-69 Cadillac, black vinyl roof over gray body, 4-door DeVille hardtop bearing 1970 Illinois license CT9269, with two occupants pass the patrol car going in a westerly direction on Vardon Lane. Both he and Chief BARTON did not recognize the occupants of this Cadillac as residents of Flossmoor so they went around the block to ascertain their whereabouts. They subsequently came up on the rear of this Cadillac which was then proceeding in an easterly direction on Vardon Lane. The Cadillac came to a stop sign at Vardon Lane and Dixie Highway and did not stop. The Cadillac immediately proceeded across the road to the 18855 Dixie Highway, Homewood, Illinois, on which lot is contained an old white frame realty office formerly known as Solomon's Realty. The driver of this Cadillac, a dark complected, with black, curly hair, had removed himself from the Cadillac and had hurried in the northerly direction on Dixie Highway. This person later returned to the realty office.

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Patrolman [redacted] and Chief BARTON had parked in a fashion whereby they could observe the realty office. He stated that apparently some type of meeting was being held in the realty office and that this meeting broke up at approximately 3:15 pm on this date when all those in attendance had come out to the parking lot and stood around prior to departing. He had recognized one Mr. (FNU) [redacted] known as the realtor doing business as Solomon's Realty, whom he described as being approximately 80 years of age, snow white hair, approximately 5'7" in height, weighing 145 pounds, standing in the parking lot and talking to the two occupants of the aforementioned 1968-69 Cadillac.

Patrolman [redacted] furnished the following description of automobiles he had observed parked about

On 2/20/70 at Flossmoor, Illinois File # CG 92-1730

by SA [redacted] ear Date dictated 2/25/70

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this realty building on this occasion:

1968-69 Cadillac DeVille, 4-door hardtop, black vinyl roof over gray body, bearing 1970 Illinois license CT9269. (registration not available at Springfield, Illinois).

1970 Chevrolet, 4-door hardtop, black vinyl top over metallic green body, white sidewalls, full wheels discs, bearing 1970 Illinois License 967-244. (This license ascertained to be registered to ANTHONY FRANZE, 480 West 16th Street, Chicago, Heights, Illinois).

1966 or 1967, Ford two door hardtop, white in color, bearing 1970 Illinois license PA5837. (No registration available).

1969-70 Buick Electra 225, 4-door hardtop, black vinyl roof over metallic loden green body, bearing 1970 Illinois license FN 4180. (registration not available).

1967-68 Volkswagon, light beige or egg shell white, 1970 Illinois license CN8740. (registration not available).

On April 27, 1970, at 3:52 p.m., a red Oldsmobile, bearing 1970 Illinois license 409 673 was observed parked in the driveway of subject's residence at 1730 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois. This license is listed to [REDACTED] Crete, Illinois, for a 1964 Oldsmobile convertible.

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At 2:30 p.m., on April 27, 1970, the subject was observed driving a dark green Oldsmobile 98. He was alone in the car and proceeded north on Ashland Avenue, east on 26th Street, and north on Halsted Street to the Co-operative Music Company at 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

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1Date May 16, 1970

[redacted] Crete,
Illinois, furnished the following information:

He has heard of FRANK LA PORTE and has read about him in the newspaper. He has had no personal contacts with LA PORTE and is not associated with him in any way.

[redacted] and his family formerly resided in Steger, Illinois where they were the neighbors of [redacted] indicated that she knows FRANK LA PORTE and his sisters and has visited with them in their homes. [redacted] occasionally borrows [redacted] car and may have used it the day that it was seen at FRANK LA PORTE's residence. He said that he owns a red Oldsmobile convertible which has 1970 Illinois license 409 672.

[redacted] said that he and members of his family shop at Co-operative Music Company in Chicago Heights because they are able to buy records cheaper there than at other stores. The only person at Co-operative Music who is known to [redacted] is a man whom he knows only as [redacted]

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1Date May 16, 1970

[redacted]
Steger, Illinois, furnished the following information:

[redacted] JOHN SAMOLIS is 54 years old and is employed in the Road Maintenance Department of Will County. [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] introduced her to FRANK LA PORTE and to LA PORTE's sisters. JOHN SAMOLIS had grown up in Chicago Heights and seemed to have lived in the same neighborhood where FRANK LA PORTE had lived in the eastern part of Chicago Heights.

[redacted] has remained a social acquaintance of DOLLY BARTUSIEWICZ and to other sisters of FRANK LA PORTE. Of the sisters, [redacted] is closer to DOLLY than to the others. She sees DOLLY at least once a month and recently visited at her home. [redacted] said that she does not have a car and had borrowed a car from [redacted] because she had intended to visit the BARTUSIEWICZ's home in order to borrow a dress for [redacted] to wear.

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[redacted] has known DOLLY BARTUSIEWICZ for a long time and attended the funeral of Mrs. BARTUSIEWICZ's husband. She also visits occasionally with the two sisters of FRANK LA PORTE who reside across the street from the BARTUSIEWICZ home.

[redacted] said that she has always avoided any association with FRANK LA PORTE because of the stories that she has heard about him. She said that she has never wanted to know anything about FRANK LA PORTE's business and she could furnish no information about him, his associates, or his business activities.

On 5/14/70 at Steger, Illinois File # CG 92-920

by SA [redacted] /cb - 10 - Date dictated 5/15/70

On May 14, 1970, CHARLES A. TIERI, Chief, Steger, Illinois Police Department, advised that the files of his office contained no arrest record for [REDACTED]

Chief TIERI said that on February 23, 1970, at 11:38 p.m., the Steger Police received a radio message from the Park Forest Police Department, Park Forest, Illinois, concerning a family fight at [REDACTED] Steger, Illinois. Investigating officer [REDACTED] went to [REDACTED] where he spoke to [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] and has telephone number 755-0068. She reported that her husband, [REDACTED] had threatened to kill her and that her husband was in their house with two guns and threatened to kill anyone who came inside. The investigating officer went to the [REDACTED] home where he knocked at the door and identified himself to [REDACTED] who was inside. [REDACTED] stated that if the policeman came in the house, he would shoot him. The investigating officer left, but returned with Chief TIERI, who asked permission to break down the door. Another policeman, Officer [REDACTED] also arrived on the scene and gained admission to the house. A few minutes later DONALD PRISCO, who is Mayor of South Chicago Heights, Illinois, came to the scene and was admitted inside the house. A few minutes later, PRISCO came outside and said that [REDACTED] was mentally disturbed, but that he would come to the police station the following morning.

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The following morning [REDACTED] and PRISCO came to the police station where [REDACTED] was charged with disorderly conduct.

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Date 3/9/70

FRANK LUZI, Illinois State Penitentiary Number 65-872, was contacted at the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, and he furnished the following information:

He is assigned to the prison farm and has been assigned there for about five months. On March 4, 1970, he was recommended for parole. He has been promised a job by his former employer, American Computer Personnel, Incorporated, in Chicago, as a job counsellor and he hopes to be released from prison soon.

LUZI denied having had any contact with FRANK LA PORTE, FRANK FRANZE or any of that group for the past two years. He said that he only wants to complete his prison sentence, go to work and support his family. He said that before going to prison he had worked for two and one-half years at the American Computer Company and he intends to continue as a law abiding citizen. He hopes to become established again and provide his wife and daughter with a good home.

LUZI denied having any contacts with his first wife and members of the [redacted] family. He is divorced from her and intends to stay away from that family.

LUZI said that during the 1940's he had worked in a bookmaking office with some other men who changed frequently. JOHN PERRY had supervised the office's operations. LUZI said that later he worked at the Park Inn Liquor Store in Calumet City but never owned any interest in that business. [redacted] had been the owner of the business and if LUZI's name appeared on any ownership papers, it was a forgery.

LUZI denied having ever been a driver for FRANK LA PORTE. He said that he had driven LA PORTE to Chicago to places like the Sherman House and around the immediate suburban area, but had never been a regular driver or gone on any long trips.

On 3/5/70 at Joliet, Illinois File # CG 92-920
CG 92-1885
by SAs THOMAS W. PARRISH and [redacted] JCP/mkn - 12 - 3/5/70
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LUZI said that he knows of AL PILOTTO and that they used to speak to each other in passing. He said that he has no personal knowledge of what PILOTTO does for a living but has heard that he is head of the local union office in Chicago Heights. He said he does not know what, if any, are PILOTTO's interests in Calumet City.

LUZI refused to discuss his previous associations with FRANK LA PORTE. He repeated several times that he only wants to be released from prison so that he can resume his work and support his family.

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Title marked changed to show the alias of FRANK LASCO, which was used by subject in San Diego, California, on 5/19/70.

REFERENCES: Tampa letter to Chicago, dated 5/15/70. b6
 San Diego letters to Chicago dated 5/26 and 5/27/70. b7C
 Los Angeles letter to Chicago, dated 6/29/70.
 Los Angeles airtel to Chicago, dated 7/20/70.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue investigation of subject and his associates to determine whether or not they are violating any Federal Criminal Statute.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

On June 18, 1970, the Los Angeles Office advised that [] had been granted immunity by the Attorney General, and had made several appearances before the Federal Grand Jury (FGJ) at Los Angeles. [] testified that he

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On June 17, 1970, when ROSELLI refused to identify

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[] invoked the fifth amendment to all questions that were asked of him.

On July 16, 1970, the Los Angeles Office advised that when the Federal GI proceedings at Los Angeles were resumed on that date, [] were called as witnesses. Both invoked the fifth amendment to each question asked of them. [] did not appear before the FGJ because on July 3, 1970, he had entered the San Sun Medical Clinic, Santa Barbara, California, and was operated on for diverticulitis on July 8, 1970. He was scheduled to reappear before the Grand Jury when he is physically able and both [] and [] were ordered to appear before the FGJ on August 27, 1970.

INFORMANTS

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[] advised on 5/26/70, that Chicago LCN Capo FRANK LA PORTE flew in via American Airlines from Chicago to San Diego on 5/19/70. He occupied Room 1415 at the Town and Country Hotel, San Diego, under the alias FRANK LASCO. He left San Diego via American Airlines on 5/21/70, flying back to Chicago. (Hotel records at San Diego reflect that while LA PORTE was here he made two long distance telephone calls to the Los Angeles area. They are (714) 892-3979 and (213) 275-5878. Both calls were made on 5/19/70. Los Angeles is requested to contact Pacific Telephone and General Telephone for the listing on these two numbers for the information of Chicago and San Diego.)

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[redacted] advised that [redacted]

[redacted]
RICCA and ACCARDO told LA PORTE to contact [redacted]
[redacted]

Informant advised that on 5/20/70 [redacted]
[redacted]

Thereafter, [redacted]
[redacted]
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[redacted]

(Informant advised that [redacted])

[redacted]

[redacted]

out [redacted]

Informant advised that it is apparent to him that ROSELLI is extremely angry at the Chicago leadership for denying him the right to "shake down MOE DALITZ." [redacted]

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Informant stated that ROSELLI had been a member of the Los Angeles LCN Family under JACK I. DRAGNA until about 1955-1956, when he transferred his membership into the Chicago Family. Informant stated that [redacted] did not know the details. He believes that ROSELLI's transfer was arranged by SAM GIANCANA and/or PAUL RICCA.

Informant stated that in his opinion, the Chicago LCN is concerned about [redacted] fearful that he will involve them in the skimming of money in Los Vegas casinos; skim carried from Las Vegas casinos to GIANCANA; Nevada casinos in which Chicago LCN had hidden interests; money still coming to the Chicago LCN from Las Vegas sources; point ownership money as well as skim going to Chicago LCN from MOE DALITZ's skimming operations after selling casinos to HOWARD HUGHES. Informant believes that ROSELLI was involved to the extent that he knew who was getting the money and the amounts. He believes that ROSELLI would have detailed knowledge regarding skimming in the counting rooms at the Desert Inn, Stardust and Sands Hotels. Informant also believes that ROSELLI over the years, has "shaken down" the rich Jews in the Los Angeles and Las Vegas areas for a great deal of money.

Informant stated that the major Jewish hoodlum element has their own "Jewish mafia" and that in his opinion the Chicago LCN Family is probably receiving complaints from the "Jewish Mafia" regarding ROSELLI at this time. Informant explained that if ROSELLI goes too far in attempting to shake down wealthy Jewish hoodlums, such as MOE DALITZ, the "Jewish Mafia" will have to kill ROSELLI themselves, which would be a great insult to the Chicago LCN as it would indicate they could not control their own members.

In regards to long distance telephone calls made by subject the Los Angeles Office advised that telephone 892-3979 is listed to [redacted] Huntington Beach, California. [redacted] is associated with the subject and JAMES FRATTIANNO in the trucking business. Telephone number 275-5878 is listed to [redacted] Beverly Hills, California. [redacted] is the attorney who is representing JOHN ROSELLI.

On 7/18/70, [redacted] advised [redacted]

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SA [redacted] Office: CHICAGO

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Title:

FRANK LA PORTE

Character:

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Synopsis:

[redacted] also known as [redacted] located at Clearwater, Florida. [redacted] was granted Illinois Immunity by the Attorney General and has appeared before the Federal Grand Jury (FGJ). [redacted] [redacted] have been called as witnesses by the Grand Jury. Efforts to locate subject for service of subpoena requiring his appearance before that Grand Jury have been unsuccessful. Information concerning the GAC Properties set forth. Numerous checks of the subject's residence and the Co-Operative Music School (CMS) have failed to reveal the subject. Subject and [redacted] are registered as firearms owners.

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DETAILS:

On May 13, 1970, the Tampa Office advised that [redacted] were contacted at Cinny's Motel, 1379 Gulf-To-Bay Boulevard, Clearwater, Florida, which they own and operate. [redacted] advised that he has never seen the subject and knows nothing about him. [redacted] advised that she is the former [redacted] and stated that she has nothing to discuss about her previous association with the subject. She stated that she knows nothing about the subject's activities, associates or business because they never discussed these things when they were with each other.

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She stated that she has severed all of her connections with Chicago.

On May 15, 1970, the Los Angeles Office advised that [redacted] had been granted immunity by the United States District Court (USDC) at Los Angeles, California and had been ordered to testify before the Federal Grand Jury (FGJ). The hearings being conducted by the FGJ are being heard, but have been delayed because of [redacted] illness. He is presently [redacted] California. Witnesses who have appeared before this FGJ include [redacted] and [redacted]

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A subpoena requiring the appearance of [redacted] before the FGJ at Los Angeles was issued and is presently outstanding.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/4/70

The following observations were made at the time indicated on May 26, 1970:

10:46 a.m. -

ALFRED PILOTTO's brown Buick which has 1970 Illinois license 927-269, was parked on the east side of the street in front of the Co-Operative Music Company at 1728 Halsted Street.

10:57 a.m. -

FRANK LA PORTE, driving a green Oldsmobile 98 which has 1970 Illinois license ND 2187, arrived at Co-Operative Music, where he parked his car on Hickory Street beside 1728 Halsted. He entered the truck entrance on the south side of the building.

11:07 a.m. -

SAM DI GIOVANNI, driving a black Buick which has 1970 Illinois license 547-842, arrived at Co-Operative Music, where he parked his car on Hickory Street beside 1728 Halsted. He walked into the truck entrance on the south side of the building.

11:41 a.m. -

ALFRED PILOTTO entered the brown Buick and departed immediately.

1:50 p.m. -

The above-mentioned brown Buick was parked on the north side of 24th Street about 100 feet west of Chicago Road

On 5/26/70 at Chicago Heights, Illinois File # CG 92-920
92-1729, 92-1733
by SA [redacted] / dmj Date dictated 5/28/70

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beside the building which houses the office of International Laborer's Union, Local Number 5.

11:58 a.m. -

SAM DI GIOVANNI came from the side entrance of 1728 Halsted, entered the black Buick, and departed immediately.

1:42 p.m. -

The above-mentioned black Buick was parked behind DI GIOVANNI's residence at 1552 Edgewood.

12:34 p.m. -

FRANK LA PORTE, carrying a two-suiter size suitcase, came from the side entrance of 1728 Halsted. He placed the suitcase on the rear seat of the Oldsmobile, then sat behind the steering wheel and departed immediately. He proceeded west on Hickory and north on Chicago Road.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 6, 1970

The following observations were made at the time indicated on July 1, 1970:

- 7:32 a.m. A black over green Oldsmobile 92, which has 1970 Illinois license ND 2187 was parked in front of the house at 350 Arquilla Lane.
- 9:00 a.m. [] was driving the above mentioned car south on Chicago Road at Joe Orr Road. He proceeded to the Co-Operative Music Company, 1728 Halsted Street, where he parked the car on Hickory Street and entered the building at that address.
- 9:32 a.m. [] came from 1728 Halsted Street, entered the above mentioned car and drove to 540 Hickory Street. He parked the car on the south side of the street and walked into the courtyard of the apartment building at that address.
- 10:10 a.m. The green Oldsmobile was not parked in the vicinity of 540 Hickory Street.

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by SA [] /car Date dictated 7/2/70

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/14/70

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The following observations were made at the time indicated on July 7, 1970:

7:30 a.m. A red Oldsmobile and a green Oldsmobile which has 1970 Illinois license ND2187 were parked in the driveway of the house immediately to the north of FRANK LAPORTE's residence at 1730 Cambridge Avenue, Flossmoor, Illinois.

8:03 a.m. A gold Oldsmobile, which has 1970 license NE2412 departed from the [redacted] residence which is immediately south of the FRANK FRANZE residence at [redacted]

8:40 a.m. A green Chevrolet which has 1970 Illinois license 967-244 listed to ANTHONY FRANZE, 480 West 16th Street, Chicago Heights arrived at the driveway north of 1730 Cambridge Avenue.

8:42 a.m. ANTHONY FRANZE's car departed.

9:19 a.m. A green Buick LaSabre, which has 1970 Illinois Dealers License 1130 AA arrived at 1729 Cambridge Avenue.

9:31 a.m. The previously mentioned red Oldsmobile went across Cambridge Avenue and into the driveway of FRANK FRANZE. A white female got out of the car and entered the residence.

9:36 a.m. The green Buick which has dealer's license departed from FRANZE's residence and travelled south on Cambridge Avenue.

10:05 a.m. A grey Chevrolet which has 1970 Illinois license NE2415, enter [redacted] driveway.

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On 7/6/70 at Chicago Heights, Illinois file # 92-920

by SA [redacted] /jmk

Date dictated 7/9/70

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10:30 a.m. The red Oldsmobile came from FRANZE's driveway and entered the driveway north of 1730 Cambridge Avenue.

10:36 a.m. A green compact car, 1970 Illinois license JA 3629 entered the driveway north of 1730 Cambridge Avenue.

10:58 a.m. A blue compact car, 1970 Illinois license CW 3939 entered the FRANZE driveway.

11:10 a.m. The green Oldsmobile, 1970 Illinois license ND 2187 drove into the FRANZE driveway and a white female got out of the car.

1:35 p.m. The green Buick with dealers license was parked on Hickory Street beside Co-Operative Music Company, 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. This car remained parked in the same place and was still there at 6:25 p.m.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 7/15/70

The following observations were made at the times indicated on July 7, 1970:

8:30 AM Parked in front of 350 Arquilla Avenue, Chicago Heights, were a black over white Ford LTD which has 1970 Illinois license CN 4029 and a green Buick LeSabre, which has 1970 Illinois dealer's license 1130 AA.

9:07 AM [] came from 350 Arquilla Avenue entered the Ford and drove to the outdoor telephone booth at Joe Orr Road and Dixie Highway, in front of ADA's Restaurant. He entered the telephone booth and stayed in the booth for three minutes.

9:11 AM [] returned to the Ford and drove to FRANK FRANZE's residence at 1729 Cambridge, Flossmoor, Illinois, arriving there at 9:17 AM.

9:40 AM [] came from FRANZE's residence, entered the Ford and drove to the Co-Operative Music Store at 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, arriving there at 9:58 AM.

Also parked at FRANZE's residence was a light blue Oldsmobile, 1970 Illinois license NE 1945.

2:40 PM Parked in the driveway of 1724 Cambridge Avenue, Flossmoor, was a black over green compact car, which has 1970 Illinois license JA 3629.

4:58 PM A Corvair which has 1970 Illinois license CL 2843 was parked in the driveway of 1724 Cambridge Avenue, Flossmoor.

On 7/7/70 at Chicago Heights and Flossmoor, Illinois File # CG 92-920

by SA [] kml Date dictated 7/13/70

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1970 Illinois vehicle registration records show that CN 4029 is listed to [redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois, for a 1970 Ford, four door; that CL 2843 is listed to [redacted] Chicago Heights, for a 1963 Chevrolet convertible, and that JA 3620 is listed to [redacted] Chicago Heights, for a 1968 Pontiac, two door.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 7/15/70

The following observations were made at the times indicated on July 9, 1970:

9:10 AM A green Buick LeSabre, which has 1970 Illinois dealer's license 1130 AA was parked in the driveway of 1729 Cambridge Avenue, Flossmoor, Illinois.

10:00 AM The above-described car was parked at the Co-Operative Music Store, 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

10:50 AM [] came from Co-Operative, entered the above-described car and drove to the parking lot of the Chicago Heights National Bank where he parked the car and walked to the bank.

11:15 AM [] returned to his car and proceeded West on 16th Street.

1:57 PM The above-described car was parked on the lot of the Chateau Farm Restaurant, 614 State Line Road, Calumet City, Illinois.

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Date 7/14/70

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[redacted] Calumet
City, Illinois:

She knows FRANK LAPORTE but can furnish no information about him that has not been in the newspaper. She works at the Co-operative Music Store in Chicago Heights and knows [redacted] and FRANK FRANZE who also work there.

[redacted] said that she has not seen LAPORTE for a long time and does not remember when she last saw him. He does not live with her at this address and has never lived with her. She shares her home with a lady friend.

On June 4, 1970 [redacted] was involved in an automobile accident and has not been back to work since then. She does not know where is FRANK LAPORTE nor how to get in touch with him. He would come in the Music Store from time to time to see how things were going and he has a home somewhere else. [redacted] and FRANZE run the music business for LAPORTE.

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by SA [redacted] /jml:

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Date 7/22/701

[redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois,
furnished the following information:

FRANK LAPORTE is his brother-in-law and lives across the street from him. He has been away from home for about six weeks and did not tell [redacted] where he was going. LAPORTE knows that a subpoena has been issued for him and he does not want to be involved in the trial. For that reason he has been staying away from home because he does not want to receive the subpoena.

[redacted] works as a route man for Co-Operative Music. For the past two weeks he has been working in Joliet while the regular man is on vacation. In addition to collecting from the machines, [redacted] also makes minor repairs on them. At the time of the interview, [redacted] was in route to the Co-Operative Store where he would be on call during the night.

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by SA [redacted] /pmf Date dictated 7/17/70

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1Date 7/29/70

[redacted] who is also known as [redacted]
[redacted] advised as follows:

[redacted] ANTHONY FRANZE who is the brother of FRANK FRANZE. Recently FRANK FRANZE had a stroke and he is still in the hospital. He is seriously ill and it is not known when he will be released from the hospital.

Frequently she goes to the home of [redacted] DOLLY BARTUSIEWICZ, 1724 Cambridge Drive, Eossmoor, Illinois
DOLLY [redacted]
[redacted]

She has not seen FRANK LA PORTE for about eight weeks and does not know where he is. She does not go into LA PORTE's house but stays at DOLLY's residence. She does not know about LA PORTE's travel plans or his activities.

In addition to [redacted]
[redacted] BARTUSIEWICZ has also been looking after FRANK FRANZE's family while he is in the hospital.

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Chicago 92-1730

by SA [redacted] MDW Date dictated 7/28/70

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Date July 31, 1970

[redacted]
Chicago Heights, Illinois, advised as follows:

She is not personally acquainted with FRANK LA PORTE, but recognizes him when she sees him. About six weeks ago, he was a customer in Savoia's Restaurant where she is employed as a waitress. [redacted] is personally acquainted with [redacted] and he was with FRANK LA PORTE at Savoia's.

She has known [redacted] for some time, and he comes to visit her at her apartment. [redacted] does not live with her but has a home in Chicago Heights. About two weeks ago, [redacted] came to her apartment in the morning and [redacted] used his car to deliver her children. [redacted] own car is a red Tempest convertible which has 1970 Illinois license SN 7580.

[redacted] said that she knows of FRANK LA PORTE because of her association with [redacted]

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On 7/29/70 at Chicago Heights, Illinois File # CG 92-920

by SA [redacted] dml Date dictated 7/30/70

On June 10, 1970 at 12:40 PM, [redacted] gold-colored Oldsmobile, which has 1970, Illinois license NE 2414 was parked at Dominic's Annex East at State Street and Torrence Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois.

On June 16, 1970, observation of the CMS, 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, revealed the following activities:

A green Buick, Illinois license ND 4026, arrived at 8:50 AM and departed 9:05 AM. [redacted] Oldsmobile was already parked at the Music Store at 8:50 AM. A black Buick, 1970 Illinois license ND 3776 arrived at the Music Store at 9:03 AM and departed at 9:20 AM. At 9:50 AM a dark-green Oldsmobile, 1970 Illinois license ND 2793, arrived at CMS. At 10:00 AM all of the vehicles departed and drove to the E-Z Snack Sandwich Shop at Illinois Avenue and Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

On June 16, 1970, FRANK FRANGE was contacted at the CMS. He advised that he is the manager of this shop for FRANK LA PORTE; however, he has not seen LA PORTE for about six weeks. He said that FRANK LA PORTE goes away from time to time and does not tell FRANZE where he is going. FRANZE said he does not know exactly when FRANK LA PORTE left nor does he know when LA PORTE will return.

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On June 16, 1970, an individual said that she is Mrs. FRANK LA PORTE was contacted at 1730 Cambridge Avenue, Flossmoor Illinois. She said that her husband is out of town and she does not know when he will return. She said that she does not know how to get in touch with him and he did not indicate to her where he was going.

On June 16, 1970, a late Oldsmobile, 1970 Illinois license ND 2190 and a Chevrolet stationwagon, 1970 Illinois license ND 2191 were parked in the drive-way of FRANK FRANZE's residence, 1729 Cambridge, Flossmoor, Illinois, at 8:00 AM. At 8:35 AM FRANZE entered the stationwagon and drove to the CMS.

On June 13, 1970, at 3:30 PM cars bearing the following 1970 Illinois licenses were parked at the CMS:

ND 3776, ND 4026 and 84-451.

The latter license number is registered to [redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois. The car that bears this license number departed from the area at 4:00 PM and proceeded North on Halsted Street.

On July 15, 1970, at 11:55 AM, two cars, a red

Oldsmobile, 1970 Illinois license ND 2186 and a green Oldsmobile 1970 Illinois license 525-856 were parked in the driveway of FRANK FRANZE residence. The latter license number is listed to JAMES ROSS, 247 Bradley Drive, Chicago Heights, Illinois, for a 1969 Oldsmobile. ROSS's driver's license indicates that he was born in 1916. On July 27, 1970, [redacted] tan Pontiac was traveling South on Dixie Highway in Chicago Heights, and proceeded to 30th Place in South Chicago Heights, where it made a U-turn between Chicago Road and Miller Avenue. The Oldsmobile was occupied by two white females and three small children. One of the females got out of the car on 30th Place and then the Oldsmobile returned to the residence of DOLLY BARTUSIEWICZ.

On July 28, 1970, at 5:55 PM automobiles bearing the following 1970 Illinois licenses were parked in the driveway of BARTUSIEWICZ residence:

525-856, 905-647, CL 2843, JA 3629, ND 2186 and ND 2187.

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Observation of this residence until 6:30 PM failed to disclose the presence of FRANK LA PORTE.

On July 30, 1970, at 10:25 AM, a red Oldsmobile license ND 2186 and a green Oldsmobile ND 2187 were parked in the driveway of the BARTUSIEWICZ residence. At 10:47 AM [redacted] was observed in his tan Pontiac at the intersection of Illinois Avenue and Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

On July 31, 1970, [redacted] was observed in his Pontiac at 9:50 AM. He had entered Valmer Road from Cambridge Avenue in Flossmoor, and proceeded East on Volmer Road toward Dixie Highway.

On July 31, 1970, a black over silver Oldsmobile, which has 1970 Illinois license ND 5060, was parked in the driveway of the residence at 331 Warren Street, Calumet City, Illinois. No other cars were parked in the immediate vicinity of this address and observation from 1:15 to 4:00 PM failed to disclose any activity. The above license number is listed to MARGUERITE MC GINNIS, 331 Warren Street, Calumet City, Illinois. MC GINNIS driver's license shows that she was born in 1917.

On August 4, 1970, observation of the LA PORTE, BARTUSIEWICZ, and friends' residences from 8:40 AM to 9:57 AM disclosed no activity at any of these houses. Parked in the driveway of the FRANZE residence was an Oldsmobile license NE 1945. In the driveway of the BARTUSIEWICZ residence

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were the previously mentioned red and green Oldsmobiles.

On August 4, 1970, at 2:51 PM, [] and a white female, who has black hair, were observed riding in [] Oldsmobile in Glenwood, Illinois. They proceeded east on the Glenwood-Dyer Road. At 6:25 PM, cars bearing the following 1970 Illinois licenses were parked in the driveway of the BARTUSIEWICZ residence:

923-081, JA 3629, CL 2843, ND 2186, ND 2187,
and ND 2189.

At 6:36 PM, the Corvair convertible license CL 2843, departed. At 7:57 PM, [] departed and his car has license number ND 2189.

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On August 5, 1970, observation of the CMS from 10:13 AM to 10:46 AM revealed [] Pontiac to be parked behind the store during the entire time.

On August 10, 1970, [] tan Pontiac was parked at his residence at [] Chicago Heights, Illinois. [] departed at 8:50 AM and drove to FRANZE's residence where he remained until 9:00 AM, at which time he departed and drove to the CMS.

On August 12, 1970, [] car was parked in the BARTUSIEWICZ driveway at 7:30 PM. Also in the driveway were the red and green Oldsmobiles, which have been mentioned previously.

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Date 8/18/701

Mrs. DOLLY BARTUSIEWICZ, 1724 Cambridge, Flossmoor, Illinois, was contacted at 7:40 PM. She advised that the tan Pontiac in her driveway, belongs to [redacted] who works for her brother FRANK LA PORTE. She said that she has neither seen nor heard from FRANK LA PORTE for over two months. She said that FRANK LA PORTE is out of town, and she does not know where he is or when he will return to his residence which is next door to her home.

BARTUSIEWICZ said that [redacted] is taking care of business for FRANK LA PORTE; however, he has not been contacted by LA PORTE nor has he seen LA PORTE for the past two months. She said that [redacted] is managing the Co-Operative Music Store while FRANK FRANZE, who is her brother-in-law, is unable to work because of his health.

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On 8/12/70 at Flossmoor, Illinois File # CG 92-920
by SA [redacted] /lan Date dictated 8/13/70

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SAM D'GIOVANNI, 1552 Edgewood, Chicago Heights, Illinois, was contacted at his residence and he advised as follows:

He has not seen FRANK LA PORTE for over a month. The last time he saw LA PORTE was at the Music Shop.

D'GIOVANNI returned from his vacation on August 10, 1970, and since that time has not been able to locate hardly any of his acquaintances. FRANK FRANZE has undergone a serious operation for a heart disease and was in the hospital for a long time. He was released from the hospital August 7, 1970, but is still in such poor health that he is unable to take care of himself. D'GIOVANNI said that he himself is an old man and it distresses him when he sees his friends seriously ill. He said that one of his close companions, PETE ZARANTE, had died a few months ago after a long illness.

D'GIOVANNI said that he spends most of his time now managing the property that he and his brother NICK own. He said that he putters around in the yard, tending to his vegetable and flower gardens.

On 8/12/70 at Chicago Heights, Ill. File # CG 92-1729

by SA [redacted] /lan Date dictated 8/13/70

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On August 1, 1970, CG T-1 advised that the Gulf American Land Development Company (GAC) had established offices at Lake Tahoe and was engaged in land sales in Arizona. The firm was promoting airplane trips for prospective customers from Lake Tahoe to Phoenix, Arizona. CG T-1 said that he recalls that the subject was possibly involved with this land sales firm in Miami, Florida.

On May 26, 1970, CG T-1 advised the Gulf American Land Development Company is known as the GAC Properties with an address of 7880 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida. The original office in Miami, Florida was opened by [redacted] and he was assisted by [redacted] of Phoenix, Arizona.

On August 6, 1970, the Miami Office advised that the GAC Corporation which is a large land developer in the Florida area and has been under several investigations by local authorities because of high pressure salesmen.

On August 5, 1970, the following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Phoenix, Arizona:

On July 31, 1970 [redacted] Clerk, Arizona Corporation Commission, State Capitol, advised that her office maintains a voluminous file, which was not immediately available, on the Gulf American Land Development Company, which first incorporated within the State of Arizona on June 6, 1961. She added that Gulf American Land Development Company has had several name changes and various reorganizations subsequent to that date. [redacted] added that this corporation is now known as GAC Properties, Inc. of Arizona. She stated, however, that this firm still maintains main offices in Miami, Florida, and annual financial reports are submitted from that community.

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[redacted] advised that one [redacted] Tucson, Arizona was listed as a vice-president with the GAC Properties, Inc. of Arizona.

On May 22, 1970, IC [redacted] obtained the following information from [redacted] Superintendent of Firearms Owner's Identification Division, Springfield, Illinois:

FRANK LA PORTE, 1730 Cambridge, Flossmoor, Illinois, who was born 10/8/01 was registered as a firearm's owner on July 23, 1968; He has Social Security Number 335-30-4961 and Illinois Driver's License number L16326001287. He is described as a male, 5' 7", 170 pounds, gray hair and brown eyes. The registration expires 9/7/73.

[redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois has registered as a firearm's owner as of 9/3/68. His registration

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expires 11/13/73. He has Social Security Number 323-12-6395, and Illinois Driver's License P 42557220321. He is described as a male, 5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 190 pounds, black hair, grey eyes, born 11/11/20.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois
August 19, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. CG 92-920

Title FRANK LA PORTE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of SA [redacted]
[redacted] dated and captioned as
above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3899) (92-5793)
(ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION)

8/13/70

SAC, LAS VEGAS (92-1387) (RUC)

ALADENA T. FRATIANNO, aka

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OO: San Francisco

Re FBI Identification record number 549 021F
regarding [redacted]

The following is set forth for your information
regarding the entry in referenced Identification record
"FBI Las Vegas, Nevada; [redacted] FP
7/22/70; (92) BANK ROBBERY".

On 7/21/70, [redacted] advised SA [redacted]
[redacted] that on 7/20/70, he learned that JIMMIE FRATIANNO
had spent that afternoon with [redacted] at King's
Castle Casino, Lake Tahoe, Nevada. [redacted] was
with FRATIANNO. The purpose of the meeting was that
FRATIANNO wanted to get [redacted] a job at King's Castle.
She was then working on the California side of Lake
Tahoe. FRATIANNO had indicated that he had to catch
a 7:00pm plane to Los Angeles at the Lake Tahoe Airport
to appear in court on 7/21/70.

FRATIANNO also indicated he had a yellow
Jaguar that [redacted] would use while he, FRATIANNO,
was in prison. FRATIANNO also said that he was at
the King's Castle opening recently. [redacted]
[redacted] is the casino manager at King's Castle Casino.

On 7/23/70, [redacted] advised SA [redacted]
that [redacted] had told him [redacted] had been hired as
a cocktail waitress at King's Castle.

Records of the Washoe County SO, Reno,
Nevada, reflected under their file number A 26669
that [redacted] had furnished
the following background information when she applied
for a work permit 7/22/70:

- ④ - Bureau
- 2 - San Francisco (92-271)
- 1 - Las Vegas
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Race	White
Sex	Female
DOB	[REDACTED]
POB	San Pedro, California
Height	5'4"
Weight	110 lbs.
Build	Slender
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Blonde
Eyes	Blue
Characteristics	Wears glasses
Temporary Address	[REDACTED] Brookside, California
Permanent Address	[REDACTED] Tecopa, California
Current Employment	Cocktail Waitress. King's Castle
Previous Employment	(past three years) Housewife
Nearest Relative	[REDACTED] San Pedro, California
SSN	[REDACTED]
Arrest Record	None

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It would appear from the foregoing the entry should be Washoe County, Nevada, SO, applicant.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TO DIRECTOR (92-11796)

LOS ANGELES (92-3975)

FROM CHICAGO (92-3047) (92-920) 2P

LOS ANGELES FEDERAL GRAND JURY INQUIRY INTO SKIMMING AND LCN
CONTROL OF SILVER SLIPPER CASINO AND NEW FRONTIER HOTEL, LAS VEGAS,
NEVADA. AR. OO: LOS ANGELES.
FRANK LA PORTE, AKA. AR. OO: CHICAGO.

REMYTEL JULY THIRTEEN LAST.

IN VIEW OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED INDICATING THAT [REDACTED]
REMAINS OUT OF CHICAGO AREA PURPOSELY TO EVADE FGJ SUBPOENA AND
THAT HE IS IN TOUCH WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IT IS SUGGESTED THAT LA CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF
OBTAINING SUBPOENAS FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS ORDERING THEIR APPEARANCE
BEFORE FGJ THERE TO ADVISE CONCERNING THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF WHEREABOUTS

[REDACTED] THIS COULD RESULT IN [REDACTED] VOLUNTARILY ACCEPTING HIS
SUBPOENA TO PRECLUDE APPEARANCE OF [REDACTED]
POSSIBILITY ALSO EXISTS THEY COULD THEREAFTER BE CHARGED WITH PERJURY
OR OOJ.

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[REDACTED] RESIDES [REDACTED]
FLOOSMOOR, ILL. AND [REDACTED] CHICAGO,
HEIGHTS, ILL.

LA ALSO ADVISE CHICAGO RESULTS OF APPEARANCE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BEFORE FGJ LOS ANGELES.

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CC: MR. GALE

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE NOV 20 1970	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/14 - 11/10/70
TITLE OF CASE FRANK LA PORTE		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px;"></div>	TYPED BY nss
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

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REFERENCES: Report of SA 8/19/70.
Las Vegas letters to Chicago, 8/20/70, and
11/9/70.
Miami letter to Chicago, 8/19/70.
Phoenix letter to Chicago, 9/30/70.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue investigation of the subject and his associates to determine whether or not they are violating any Federal criminal statute.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED none						ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

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Sheldon Davidson
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Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Notations

Agency	CC. AAG, Criminal Division,
Request Recd.	Organized Crime and Racketeering
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By	Section Room

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INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is [redacted] Clerk, Security Office, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, Illinois, who was contacted by SA [redacted]

CG T-2 is [redacted] Manager, Real Estate Registration, Gulf American Corporation, Tucson, Arizona.

CG T-3 is [redacted]

The following information was received from [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] On 8/10/70, the informant advised that LA PORTE's brother-in-law, TONY FRANZE, came to La Jolla, California, from Chicago and stayed several days with [redacted]. The informant advised that [redacted] is a wealthy home builder who made a large fortune in Chicago after World War II building tract homes, shopping centers, etc., for the hoodlum element with hoodlum money. Several years ago, [redacted] moved from Chicago to Phoenix and then to La Jolla, where he is now building expensive homes. FRANZE told [redacted] that he would like to leave Chicago permanently and settle in La Jolla, but [redacted] did not offer him a job. The informant had a brief conversation with FRANZE during which FRANZE told him that LA PORTE was still hiding out.

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On 8/11/70, [redacted] another of LA PORTE's brothers-in-law, who acts as his body guard and flunkie, called the informant from Chicago. [redacted] is apparently

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in telephone contact with LA PORTE. He wanted to know if the informant had received another subpoena and if the Los Angeles Federal subpoenas are still outstanding for ACCARDO and RICCA to return there. PAOLETTA told the informant that at one point LA PORTE was ready to come home and accept his subpoena until he found out that the Government "was considering giving him immunity." PAOLETTA indicated LA PORTE will remain in hiding until the present FGJ in Los Angeles is dismissed in September of 1970.

The informant advised that on 10/19/70, FRANK LA PORTE came to San Diego via American Airlines accompanied by MIKE PAOLETTA. They then checked into the Travelodge Hotel on Harbor Island, occupying rooms 212 and 214. The informant told LA PORTE that he was under 24-hour police surveillance, but LA PORTE told him he didn't care and he would meet him for lunch. LA PORTE was here in answer to a subpoena to appear before the FGJ in Los Angeles on 10/22/70. LA PORTE indicated that he intended to take the Fifth Amendment privilege and refuse to testify.

The informant advised that while LA PORTE was here he was in contact with the following persons:

San Diego LCN Hoodlum
FRANK BOMPENSIERO

[REDACTED]

CRAIG SCOTT

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The informant identified CRAIG SCOTT as a wealthy person who lives at 9704 Blackgold Road in La Jolla. He is a building contractor who formerly lived in the Chicago area and made a fortune building homes, shopping centers, etc., with money furnished by the hoodlum element. (In the mid 50s, he got his first big break on a housing project as a sub-general contractor for ROCCO DE STEFANO and MANNY SKAR. He moved into Chicago Heights acquiring land from FRANK LA PORTE and built under the name of the Joyce Development Company. He continued to build many houses, apartments, and commercial structures in the Chicago Heights area. He left Chicago and stayed for a short time in Phoenix before moving to San Diego in 1965. While in Chicago, he operated several construction companies under the names of the following:

C & L Builders, Incorporated

Sherry Builders, Incorporated

Capco Builders, Incorporated

Craig Scott Contractors, Incorporated

City-Wide Construction Company

Manor Development Company)

At the present time, SCOTT is building several expensive homes in the La Jolla area of San Diego. The informant did not know if LA PORTE has any money in SCOTT's building ventures at this time.

is well known to the Chicago Office. He is the former owner of the O & L Trucking Company of Huntington Beach, California, and was involved with LA PORTE in the trucking business of JIMMY "The Weasel" FRATIANNIO.

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[redacted] became a prosecution witness against FRATIANNO and was not indicted. However, he lost his trucking company and is presently working as a trucking boss for Hess-Mace Trucking Company in Los Angeles. After FRATIANNO's trucking company went out of business, [redacted] sold several trailers and trucks belonging to LA PORTE to independent truckers in the Southern California area, sending the money back to LA PORTE.

The informant advised that [redacted] contacted LA PORTE to advise him he expected to lose his job at Hess-Mace and wanted LA PORTE to use his influence to get him a job as business agent for the Teamster's Union in Los Angeles. LA PORTE agreed to do what he could for [redacted]

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The informant identified [redacted] as a cousin of [redacted] who drives a Hamms Beer truck in San Diego.

The informant identified [redacted] as [redacted] in Los Angeles. He resides at [redacted] in Arcadia, California. [redacted] and his father were seeking a half-million dollar teamster loan to enlarge their sausage factory. They contacted a friend, [redacted] in Chicago who recommended that they contact LA PORTE while he was in southern California, and LA PORTE might be able to do them some good in setting up a teamster loan with the Teamster Pension Fund located in Chicago.

LA PORTE told him to put a proposal in writing, and he would see that it got to the Teamster Pension Fund for loan consideration.

The informant advised that while he was with LA PORTE, they drove to the beach home of Los Angeles

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attorney [redacted] located at [redacted] Newport Beach, California, telephone number 714-675-3731.

[redacted] agreed to represent [redacted] when he appeared before the FGJ in Los Angeles. [redacted] according to the informant, appeared before the FGJ on 10/22/70, but did not testify and was ordered back on 11/6/70. He expects to return to San Diego on about 11/2/70; to spend a few days before going to Los Angeles.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Sheldon Davidson

Copy to:

Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: Chicago, Illinois

Date:

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Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #:

92-5793

Title:

FRANK LA PORTE

Character:

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Synopsis:

Telephone number at residence of ~~DOLLY BARTUSIEWICZ~~ is 798-9118. Information concerning Gulf American Corporation set forth. Subject served with subpoena requiring his appearance before FGJ at Los Angeles, California. Results of earlier efforts to locate subject set forth. [REDACTED] observed frequently at residences of subject, BARTUSIEWICZ and ~~FRANK FRANZE~~.

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DETAILS:

On August 14, 1970, CG T-1 advised that the records of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company contain no listing in the name of FRANK LA PORTE. The informant stated that telephone number at 1730 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois, is 798-9118 and is in the name of DOLLY BARTUSIEWICZ.

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On August 17, 1970, [] Personnel Manager, Gulf American Corporation (GAC), Miami, Florida, furnished the following information:

[] was employed by that corporation from June 10, 1967, to June 12, 1970.

According to the personnel records, [] was first hired by the corporation in Tucson, Arizona, and on December 19, 1969, was transferred from, Sales Manager in Tucson to the International Division in Miami as a member of the Management Staff.

While in Tucson, Arizona, he was also Manager of the Hospitality Room (Land Sales Office), Reno, Nevada, during 1969. [] was transferred on March 23, 1970, from Miami, Florida, to New Orleans, Louisiana, in a management position. He resigned from the organization in New Orleans.

[] recalled that [] resignation was caused by the fact that his hiring of employees in New Orleans had not produced satisfactory sales results.

[] advised that his file contains no additional background information regarding [] and any information in this regard would be on file in their Tucson Office.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA []

AT TUCSON, ARIZONA

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The files of the Tucson, Arizona Credit Bureau as checked on August 18, 1970, show that [redacted] has been listed in those files since April 18, 1969. Previous address was shown as [redacted] Las Vegas, Nevada. Occupation was listed as Vice-President, GAC, Tucson, Arizona. No derogatory information was shown in the files.

The files of the Tucson Police Department and the Pima County Sheriff's Office, Tucson, Arizona, both checked on August 18, 1970, contained no record identifiable with [redacted]

The following established sources have advised that [redacted] is not known to these sources, and they have no knowledge of any hoodlum connections on the part of GAC Properties, Incorporated, of Arizona, which has an office in Tucson, Arizona:

On August 7, 1970, CG T-2 advised that GAC Properties, Incorporated, which was formerly known as the Gulf American Corporation, had headquarters in Miami, Florida; however, for the past two years, it has maintained a large office in Tucson, Arizona. GAC has for the past two years been promoting and selling a large tract of land near the Mexican border at Nogales, Arizona, known as "Rio Rico," consisting of some 58,000 lots. GAC recently purchased a large property known as the "Empire Ranch," located fifty miles south of Tucson, Arizona, and will be promoting this property during the next several years.

Although GAC has done considerable advertising locally, most of the "Rio Rico" development has been sold to buyers flown in from all parts of the country.

CG T-2 advised that he has learned of nothing which would indicate any hoodlum is involved; and to his knowledge, neither the subject nor [redacted] have any connection with GAC.

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On September 22, 1970, CG T-2 advised that he had learned of nothing which would indicate the subject is connected with GAC in any way.

In August of 1970, CG T-3 advised that the Gulf American Land Development Company maintains a sales office at Stateline, Nevada.

In September and October of 1970, CG T-3 advised that the Gulf American Land Development Company continues to sell land through promotions conducted in casinos at Lake Tahoe, Nevada. The source could furnish no information about any hoodlum having any connection with GAC.

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Date August 28, 1970

The following observations were made on August 21, 1970, at the times indicated:

8:50 a.m. A golden Cadillac which has 1970 Illinois license PB9905 was parked in the driveway of [redacted] residence at [redacted] Chicago Heights.

9:10 a.m. [redacted] departed from his residence in the above-described car.

9:25 a.m. The following cars were parked at Co-Operative Music Company, 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights: A golden Oldsmobile, 1970 Illinois license NE2414; a green Oldsmobile, 1970 Illinois license ND2793; and a green Buick, 1970 Illinois license ND4026.

10:45 a.m. The only car observed parked near [redacted] Calumet City, Illinois, was a old model Cadillac, which has 1970 Illinois license PB9906.

10:57 a.m. Parked at [redacted] Calumet City, Illinois, was a tan Bonneville, 1970 Illinois license ND2189.

12:10 p.m. The Bonneville was still parked at Calumet City, Illinois.

Illinois Vehicle Registration records for 1970 licenses show that PB9905 is listed to [redacted] Calumet City, Illinois, for a 1968 Cadillac, two-door model.

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by SA [redacted] SMO [redacted] Date dictated 8/24/70

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Date 8/25/70

The following observations were made
at the times indicated on August 22, 1970:

7:30 a.m. - A golden Buick Skylark, two-door model with 1970 Illinois dealer's license 1130 AM was parked in the driveway at [redacted] Chicago Heights.

9:25 a.m. - [redacted] came from the house at [redacted] and entered the above-described car. He drove to the dry cleaning store at Dixie Highway in the Olympia Fields Shopping Plaza.

9:30 a.m. - [redacted] came from the store, entered the Skylark, and drove to Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois.

9:46 a.m. - [redacted] departed from Cambridge Road, and drove to the coin telephone at the Texaco Station on Joe Orr Road and Dixie Highway. He entered the telephone booth and remained there until 10:03 a.m.

10:03 a.m. - [redacted] returned to the Skylark and drove to the Co-Operative Music Store, 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

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10:20 a.m. - [] driving a golden Oldsmobile, NE 2414, arrived at the Co-Operative Music Store.

10:24 a.m. - A dark green Buick occupied by three white males arrived at the Co-Operative Music Store. All of the men entered the front entrance of the store.

10:46 a.m. - [] departed with the Oldsmobile.

10:47 a.m. - Two white males departed in the green Buick. One of the men removed a black satchel from the trunk of the car before leaving. b6 b7C

11:00 a.m. - [] entered the Skylark and drove to the Chicago Heights National Bank.

11:10 a.m. - [] came from the bank, entered the Skylark, and drove to Vincennes Avenue where he parked the car between 14th and 15th Streets.

11:14 a.m. - [] came from the west side of Vincennes Avenue and entered the Skylark. He made a U-turn and drove to Century Food Store, at 16th Street and Chicago Road.

11:21 a.m. -

[redacted] came from the grocery store, entered the Skylark, and drove to the Olympia Fields Shopping Plaza, where he parked the car in front of Maxi-Discount Store.

11:32 a.m. -

[redacted] returned to the Skylark and proceeded east on Joe Orr Road, north on Cottage Grove, and east on the Glenwood-Dyer Road.

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1:28 p.m. -

Parked in the driveway of 1724 Cambridge Road were a red Oldsmobile, 1970 Illinois license ND 2186, and a green Oldsmobile, ND 2187. Parked across the street in the garage of [redacted] residence was the golden Oldsmobile, license NE 2414.

2:30 p.m. -

The previously-mentioned Skylark was parked at the Co-Operative Music Store.

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On August 14, 1970, at 10:15 a.m., cars bearing 1969 Illinois licenses 910 152 and JA 3629 were observed to be parked in the driveway at 1761 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois.

At 10:26 a.m., cars previously identified as being used by [redacted] were parked at the Cooperative Music Shop (CMS), 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

At 10:37 a.m., [redacted] arrived at the CMS alone. He was driving a tan Bonneville bearing 1970 Illinois license ND 2189.

On August 17, 1970, at 12:20 p.m., DOLLY BARTUSIEWICZ's red Buick bearing 1970 Illinois license ND 2186, and the subject's green Oldsmobile bearing 1970 Illinois license ND 2187, were parked at 1716 Cambridge Road.

At 1:20 p.m., [redacted] Pontiac was parked in the lot of Dominic's Restaurant, Torrence Avenue and State Street, Calumet City, Illinois. At 1:30 p.m., [redacted] came from the restaurant, entered his car, and departed. He was alone at that time. At 2:37 p.m., [redacted] parked his vehicle at the Chateau Farm Restaurant on Stateline Road in Calumet City and entered the restaurant. At 2:45 p.m., he returned to his car and drove to the 606 Club on Stateline Road in Calumet City and entered that tavern.

On August 24, 1970, at 11:19 a.m., [redacted] arrived at FRANK FRANZE's residence, which is across the street from 1716 Cambridge Road. [redacted] was driving a green Buick, which bore Illinois dealer's license 1130AM. Parked at 1716 Cambridge Road was the red Buick and green Oldsmobile previously mentioned.

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On August 25, 1970, at 7:30 a.m., the green Buick previously mentioned was parked in the driveway of [] home at [] Chicago Heights, Illinois. At 11:13 a.m., this car was parked beside the CMS. At 11:17 a.m., [] entered the Buick, drove to the Chicago Heights Post Office, and then to the Garofalo Grocery Store in the Olympia Shopping Plaza. At 11:32 a.m., [] came from the grocery store, entered his car, and drove to his residence.

On August 27, 1970, [] was observed driving his tan Pontiac south on Chicago Road to Main Street in Chicago Heights, Illinois. He proceeded to [] in South Chicago Heights, Illinois, where he picked up a white female and drove her to []. At 9:30 a.m., [] was observed driving south on Ashland Avenue toward the CMS. He was alone in his vehicle.

On August 31, 1970, at 2:00 p.m., [] was observed traveling east on State Street in Calumet City in his tan Pontiac. He stopped at Barney's Tavern on State Street, where he remained until 2:30 p.m., at which time he drove to the Chateau Farm Restaurant.

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On September 1, 1970, at 9:35 a.m., the cars previously identified as being used by [] were observed at the CMS.

On September 4, 1970, at 10:36 a.m., [] came from the CMS, entered the subject's green Oldsmobile, and drove to the Chicago Heights National Bank, which he entered at 10:41 a.m. [] was alone in the car.

On September 8, 1970, at 10:32 a.m., the subject's green Oldsmobile was parked at the CMS. At 11:31 a.m., [] came from the CMS, entered the Oldsmobile, and departed immediately.

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On September 21, 1970, at 10:25 a.m., DOLLY BARTUSIEWICZ's red Buick and another Buick which had 1970 Illinois license HO 3514, were parked in the driveway of FRANK FRANZE's residence. This license is listed to [redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois.

On September 24, 1970, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the subject's green Oldsmobile was parked beside the CMS. At 4:15 p.m., a light blue Mercury bearing 1970 Illinois license ME 2631 was parked at [redacted] [redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois. A white male was seated in the car.

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At 4:25 p.m., [redacted] arrived at this residence in the subject's green Oldsmobile. Illinois license ME 2631 is listed to [redacted] [redacted] Steger, Illinois, for a 1967 Mercury.

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At 10:35 a.m., a grey Buick, bearing 1970 Illinois license NE 5889 was observed to be parked in the driveway of the BARTUSIEWICZ residence on Cambridge Road, in Flossmoor.

At 12:04 p.m., the above mentioned car was observed to be parked in the BARTUSIEWICZ driveway. FRANK LA PORTE and [redacted] were seen standing in the driveway near the grey Buick.

At 12:05 p.m., the grey Buick came from the BARTUSIEWICZ driveway. [redacted] was driving and LA PORTE was sitting next to him on the front seat of the car. They proceeded south on Cambridge Road, then east on Vollmer Road, then south on Dixie Highway, then west on 14th Street, then south on Highway 54 to Sauk Trail where they stopped for gas at an Enco Station. Both men remained in the car. They resumed their travel by proceeding east on Sauk Trail to Richton Park. They stopped at the Twin Parks Barber Shop, 3923 Sauk Trail. [redacted] parked the car in front of the shop, walked inside and spoke to one of the barbers who was wearing a white jacket, had black hair and appeared to be about 27 years old. LA PORTE remained seated in the car. [redacted] remained in the barber shop about two minutes then returned to the Buick. He and LA PORTE then travelled east on Sauk Trail, then north on Central Park and Main Street, then east on 14th Street to Savoia's Restaurant, 560 West 14th Street, Chicago Heights. [redacted] stopped the car at the entrance to the restaurant where LA PORTE got out and entered the restaurant. [redacted] parked the car and also entered the restaurant. Both men were in Savoia's at 12:36 p.m.

At 1:17 p.m., FRANK LA PORTE was observed standing in the foyer of the restaurant where he was talking on a coin telephone. At 1:23 p.m., LA PORTE walked from the foyer into the main part of the

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restaurant. He stopped in front of where I was sitting and asked, "Are you following me?" and then asked "Who are you?" He then walked to his table and sat down with [redacted] At 1:54 p.m., LA PORTE and [redacted] stood up and walked to a booth where a priest and a white male were sitting. They joined the two men.

At 2:27 p.m., [redacted] a waitress at Savoia's who served the table where LA PORTE and [redacted] were sitting, came from a rear door of the restaurant, walked through the parking lot and into the main entrance of the restaurant.

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At 2:56 p.m., SA [redacted] observed [redacted] and LA PORTE in the grey Buick. They were travelling east on 16th Street and LA PORTE was seated on the passenger side of the front seat and was reading a legal sized piece of paper.

Illinois vehicle registration records show that 1970 Illinois license NE 5889 is listed to [redacted] [redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois, for a 1965 four-door Buick.

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[redacted] who is also known as
[redacted] Steger, Illinois,
advised as follows:

Her husband is presently in the hospital. She and her husband have a light blue Comet which has 1970 Illinois License Number ME 2631.

For the past ten years she has been doing house-cleaning work in the home of [redacted]. She presently works for them on Thursdays in their house at [redacted] Chicago Heights. She sees [redacted] frequently, but has never asked about his business. He, his wife, and their two children reside at [redacted]. They have one car which is a brown colored Bonneville.

[redacted] has not seen FRANK LA PORTE for over a year. She does not recall having ever seen him at the [redacted] residence. About a year ago she saw LA PORTE a few times at the Co-Operative Music Shop. She has never worked for LA PORTE or any of his sister's families. She said that she does not know any of the sisters, but does know their husbands when she sees them.

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She came to the United States from Germany. Her husband grew up in Gary, Indiana. About ten years ago, she and her husband were living in a rented apartment above the Co-Operative Music Shop. It was at this time that she became acquainted with the people at the Music Shop. She started working for [redacted] at this time, too.

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[] said that at [] house she only does her work and does not ask about [] activities. He is usually gone all day. Her husband picks her up at [] house in the afternoon after she finishes her work. [] said that she does not do housework for anyone else now, but has continued working for the [] because she has known them for so long.

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[redacted] was contacted at the Mr. Wheel Standard Station and Car Wash, Halsted and Vollmer Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois, and he advised as follows:

He had been told that someone would probably contact him because his brother's car had been involved in a matter connected with FRANK LA PORTE and [redacted]. His brother is [redacted] who has a 1965 gray Buick. [redacted] owns the property at [redacted] Illinois, and for about eight years operated the Standard Service Station next door. He has rented the station and the house to other people now. He is a bachelor and resides with his parents in Chicago Heights, Illinois. His brother, [redacted] lives in a small building behind the house at [redacted].

[redacted] has known FRANK FRANZE since childhood. His grandmother lived next door to FRANZE's mother on the east side of Chicago Heights, Illinois. [redacted] and his family have been friends of the FRANZE family for many years.

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FRANK FRANZE has recently undergone two serious heart operations. He was a patient in the St. Catherine's Hospital at East Chicago, Indiana. He is convalescing at home now, but is still in poor health.

[redacted] owns a cottage in Wisconsin. The mailing address for the cottage is [redacted] Edgerton, Wisconsin.

FRANZE has been to the cottage before and wanted to go up there again for a few days. On September 25, 1970, [redacted] and FRANZE drove up to the cabin. They used FRANZE's station wagon for the trip. [redacted] had driven his gray

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Buick to FRANZE's house and left it there in the garage. FRANZE has other cars and [] did not know that anyone was going to use his car while he was gone, but he had left the keys to his car at the FRANZE residence. [] and FRANZE returned on Sunday, October 3, 1970, and learned then that [] and LA PORTE had been using [] car. FRANK FRANZE is in such poor condition that he was able to walk to the lake and back to the cabin only once each day.

[] is working as a construction laborer. He is presently working on a large oil refinery near Joliet, Illinois. He drives back and forth each day. [] is working on the same job. He and another worker ride with [] each day, with each person driving a week at a time. [] leaves his car at [] residence whenever he rides to work with him.

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[] said that FRANK LA PORTE used to bring his car into the car wash to be cleaned, but he has not seen LA PORTE for several months now. He knows of LA PORTE's reputation though, having grown up in Chicago Heights, but said that he is unable to furnish any information about LA PORTE's activities.

[] said that he considers the FRANZE family among his good friends and he was trying to help them when he let his brother and FRANZE use his cottage.

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On October 5, 1970, at 11:30 a.m., the subject's green Oldsmobile was parked at the CMS. At 11:59 a.m., the subject came from this store, entered his Oldsmobile, and proceeded west on Hickory Street. At 2:29 p.m., the subject's car was again parked at the CMS.

On October 7, 1970, at 2:30 p.m., the following cars were parked in the alley behind [redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois:

A black and white Fury III
Convertible, bearing 1970
Illinois license SN 5636

A dark blue Ford Station
Wagon, bearing 1970 Illinois
license SN 6960

A red Buick Convertible,
bearing 1970 Illinois license
ND 2190

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On October 19, 1970, at 9:30 a.m., a two-tone blue four-door Ford bearing 1970 Illinois license ND 2189 was parked in the driveway of [redacted] residence. At 9:53 a.m., the subject's green Oldsmobile and DOLLY BARTUSIEWICZ's red Buick were parked at 1716 Cambridge Road.

On October 28, 1970, at 10:25 a.m., FRANK LA PORTE's green Oldsmobile was parked at the CMS. At 12:05 p.m., the car was parked at Savoia's Restaurant in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

On October 29, 1970, at 12:55 p.m., the subject's Oldsmobile was parked at the CMS.

On November 5, 1970, at 3:25 p.m., LA PORTE's car was parked at 1716 Cambridge Road.

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On November 10, 1970, at 10:38 a.m., [redacted]
[redacted] was observed alone in FRANK LA PORTE's Oldsmobile.
He proceeded south on Chicago Road to the CMS, where he
parked the vehicle and entered the building.

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Reference Report of Special Agent
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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO DIRECTOR (92-11796) (92-5793)

LOS ANGELES (92-3975)

FROM CHICAGO (92-3047) (92-920)

RAW FRANK LA PORTE

SKIMMING AND LCN CONTROL OF SILVER SLIPPER CASINO AND
NEW FRONTIER HOTEL, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. AR. OO: CHICAGO.
FRANK LA PORTE, AKA. AR. OO: CHICAGO.

RE CG TEL CALL TO LOS ANGELES OCT. TWO INSTANT.

CHICAGO BUAGENT PERSONALLY OBSERVED FRANK LA PORTE AT
SAVOIA'S RESTAURANT, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS TODAY. TELEPHONE
CONVERSATION WITH LOS ANGELES CONFIRMED FACT [REDACTED]

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LA PORTE WAS OBSERVED IN VEHICLE WHOSE
LICENSE NUMBER REGISTERED TO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS.

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LOCAL CHICAGO HEIGHTS CONTRACTOR WHO DOES MUCH
CITY BUSINESS.

CHICAGO WILL FORWARD RETURN OF SUBPOENA BY A.M.

- AM CC TO LAS VEGAS AND SAN DEIGO.

- CHICAGO FOLLOWING.

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE FEB 22 1971	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/18/70 - 2/4/71
TITLE OF CASE FRANK LA PORTE		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY flk
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REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/20/70,
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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue investigation of subject and his associates to determine whether or not they are violating any Federal criminal statute.

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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[REDACTED]

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

[REDACTED] furnished the following information:

FRANK LA PORTE, Chicago LCN Capo, arrived back in San Diego on 11/2/70, with his bodyguard, [REDACTED]. They stayed in Rooms 219 and 212 at the Travel Lodge Hotel, Harbor Island, San Diego, from 11/2/70, to the morning of 11/6/70.

On 11/6/70, [REDACTED] went to Los Angeles to appear before the FGJ taking testimony there in regard to [REDACTED]

When LA PORTE returned to San Diego, he was accompanied by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also appeared before the FGJ in Los Angeles on 11/5/70. [REDACTED] appeared

before the FGJ in Los Angeles on 11/5/70. [REDACTED] apparently took the Fifth Amendment privilege and refused to testify.

Informant advised that LA PORTE left San Diego on the afternoon of 11/6/70, for Northern California to visit his sister in Linden, California, and also intended to check on his property holdings at Bridgeport, California, before returning to Chicago on 11/8/70. (Appropriate divisions were notified of the above for FISUR activity).

[REDACTED] informed that [REDACTED] stayed in San Diego overnight on 11/6/70, and left for St. Louis on the morning of 11/7/70.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

During this conversation, [REDACTED] commented that at the present time he is doing "leg work" for Detroit LCN Boss JOE ZERILLI and makes trips to New York City to contact members of the LCN Commission on behalf of JOE ZERILLI. [REDACTED] indicated that he was going to make one of these trips to New York about 11/18/70. [REDACTED]

TONY GIARDANO is in frequent contact with the leaders of the Detroit LCN including JOE ZERILLI. [REDACTED] and the son of [REDACTED] did not give any detailed information concerning his current activities on behalf of the Detroit LCN;

[REDACTED] and LA PORTE both talked briefly about their own Families. [REDACTED] indicated that his Underboss JOHN VITALE was sick in the hospital; that his LCN Family has a little bookmaking and sneak card games operating. [REDACTED] made some remarks indicating that he has been under indictment and that the St. Louis law firm of MORRIS SHENKER is handling this legal problem.

[REDACTED] was very critical of JOHN ROSELLI. [REDACTED] indicated that a couple of years ago when the Detroit LCN had taken over a large ownership investment in the New Frontier Hotel at Las Vegas, he was cut in for a few points. Business was bad and they needed top entertainment talent. He contacted ROSELLI at the request of the Detroit LCN, asking ROSELLI to line up some top talent for the New Frontier but ROSELLI refused to help him and he had no further contact with ROSELLI. [REDACTED] said that he had been questioned by the FGJ regarding [REDACTED]

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LA PORTE also entered into the conversation expressing a critical opinion of ROSELLI and admitted that he had been questioned by the Grand Jury about [REDACTED]

Both LA PORTE and [REDACTED] indicated that, in their opinion, the general feeling in Chicago is that eventually ROSELLI will be murdered and that it would be up to the Chicago LCN family to arrange it. Neither one of them, according to the informant, said anything to indicate that a specific murder contract had been issued at this time on ROSELLI's life.

As a matter of fact, LA PORTE indicated that there was no hurry to accomplish this in view of all the Federal investigations going on and that eventually they would get ROSELLI to come to Chicago under a pretext and he would be murdered. (Informant felt that they would use someone close to ROSELLI, such as Florida LCN Boss SANTO TRAFICANTE, JR., to lure ROSELLI into a position where he could be murdered.)

[REDACTED] was also critical of the Los Angeles LCN Boss NICK LICATA and indicated that, in the opinion of the Detroit LCN leadership, they believe LICATA is spending too much of the LCN Family money and resources on legal fees, and they want him to slow down these expenditures. [REDACTED] inferred they were critical of LICATA's employment of several attorneys.

[REDACTED] indicated that he was still making money with his "banana import house." [REDACTED] told them a humorous story about having recently purchased a truck towing business in the St. Louis area, along with a wrecking yard and getting a five year city contract. Later it was exposed in the newspapers that he was the secret owner and there was a lot of criticism about the City of St. Louis "supporting the mafia." [REDACTED] told them that everything was fine for a while when he first purchased the business but it was not being run right and he had to go to the office to straighten it out and in this way the city learned that he was the true owner. [REDACTED] indicated that his Family had a little profitable bookmaking and barbuitt operating and that he "spreads it around among his boys."

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LA PORTE indicated that TONY ACCARDO and PAUL RICCA were still providing the leadership for the Chicago LCN. LA PORTE complained about his business operations in Chicago Heights. At one point, LA PORTE [redacted] that Chicago LCN subject ALFRED J. PILOTTO was very ungrateful. He explained that several years ago the president of the Hod Carriers Local died or retired and ACCARDO allowed LA PORTE to name the successor. LA PORTE chose one of his LCN soldiers, AL PILOTTO, who since that time has been president of the Hod Carriers Union. In addition to that, LA PORTE claimed that he allowed two of his other LCN soldiers, referred to as "TOOTSIE" and JIMMY, be appointed as business agents under PILOTTO in the Hod Carriers Union. After this, all three of them went to ACCARDO, RICCA, and GIANCANA, and wanted to get out of LA PORTE's decina as they felt LA PORTE was not sharing with them the money he was getting out of the rackets in Calumet City. LA PORTE complained that by that time he was getting very little money out of Calumet City and that now PILOTTO is "making more money [redacted]"

(Informant could not recall the names of JIMMY and "TOOTSIE" [redacted] [redacted] described JIMMY as 50 - 60 years, 5'6" tall, stocky, bald headed, served a prison sentence at Joliet, and he described "TOOTSIE" as 50 - 60 years, 5'7" tall, thin build.)

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Informant advised that while LA PORTE was here, he was contacted again by [redacted] of Huntington Beach, California. [redacted] is still trying to land a job as a Teamster business agent in the Los Angeles area and LA PORTE has agreed to help him. [redacted] and his wife came to San Diego to have dinner with LA PORTE on 11/4/70. [redacted] is a truck boss for Hess-Mace, one of the largest dump trucking operations in California. [redacted] told LA PORTE that [redacted] is in serious financial trouble and has run out of money. He has about 2½ million dollars tied up in trucks and cannot pay notes due on them and owes about a million dollars on his equipment. Many of the trucks are parked and are not being used as a result of running out of money. [redacted] stated that [redacted] desires 2½ million dollar Teamster loan from the Teamster Pension Fund. LA PORTE told [redacted] to have [redacted] put together a loan request and send it back to him and he would assure [redacted] it would get into the hands of the right people in the Pension Fund.

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[] indicated that it was urgent and if [] did not get the necessary money within 30 days he would be out of business and creditors would auction off his equipment.

[] told LA PORTE that the Teamsters are negotiating for a new contract with truckers in California and that if [] could get the loan he would be willing to sign a "sweetheart" union contract. [] indicated that [] being one of the biggest dump truck operators in California, would be followed in any contract agreement by the smaller truckers.

Informant advised that while LA PORTE was here he was also contacted by [] of Lo Jolla. [] also is looking for a Teamster loan of one million dollars for tract home development in the San Diego area. [] indicated that he already owns land that could be used for this development here. LA PORTE also told [] to put together a loan request package and send it to him.

(Travel Lodge Hotel records show that while LA PORTE resided in Las Vegas he made telephone calls to Los Angeles and Chicago. In Los Angeles he called 276-6153 - the telephone of Attorney [] made a call to Chicago, telephone 755-2621. [] also received a call from a [] at San Diego, 232-5914. This San Diego telephone is listed to [] San Diego, California. Informant identified [] and [] as waitresses at Tarantino's Restaurant in San Diego. Informant advised that while [] was here with LA PORTE he shacked up with [] at the Travel Lodge Hotel.)

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By letter dated 12/21/70, the San Diego Office advised that [] had advised that he had been in telephone contact with the subject and learned that the subject had recently been hospitalized after breaking four or five ribs in an automobile accident about a week before Thanksgiving. The informant stated that the subject had crashed into a viaduct. The informant stated that the subject was probably drunk at the time of the wreck because he is drinking very heavily now.

By letter dated 1/29/71, the San Diego Office advised that [] had received a telephone call from the subject who stated that he would arrive in San Diego on 1/26/71.

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The subject arrived as scheduled and was accompanied by an individual named either [REDACTED] who is employed at the Ford Motor Company. The subject had come to San Diego to arrange for a meeting with Attorney [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago
1 - Attorney in Charge; Chicago Field Division,

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago
Date: FEB 22 1971

Field Office File #: 92-920

Bureau File #: 92-5793

Title: FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

THEODORE ~~W~~ARTUSIEWICZ
1730 CAMBRIDGE, FLASSMOR ILL.
Results of investigation concerning [redacted] set forth.
Subject involved in automobile accident at Richton
Park, Illinois. A passenger in his car was [redacted]
[redacted] Credit statement of [redacted] set
forth. [redacted] observed at [redacted]
Chicago Heights, Illinois, where telephone is listed
to [redacted] Results of other observations
at subject's residence and Cooperative Music Company
set forth. [redacted] interviewed concerning
subject and others.

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DETAILS:

Pursuant to a Federal Grand Jury subpoena [redacted]



The following investigation was conducted by
SA: [redacted] at Albuquerque, New Mexico:

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Albuquerque telephone number 298-6861 is subscribed
to by the Holiday Inn of Albuquerque, 12901 Central Avenue NE,
a motel having 300 rooms available to guests.

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On January 4, 1971, [redacted] Manager, Holiday Inn, made available hotel registration records for the period of July 29, 1970, to August 7, 1970, and these records were reviewed in an effort to determine if the subject was a guest at this motel on August 2, 1970, [redacted] residence of THEODORE BARTUSIEWICZ, 1730 Cambridge, Flossmoor, Illinois.

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The name LA PORTE could not be located nor could the names of known associates or other individuals from the State of Illinois that might have registered for LA PORTE be located through a review of the records.

A photograph of LA PORTE was displayed to [redacted] and he advised that this individual was unknown to him.

On November 27, 1970, CG T-1 advised SA [redacted] that telephone number 244-8001 is assigned to the Four Winds Motel, 4600 West Colfax Avenue, Denver, Colorado, and telephone number 307-235-1559 is assigned to the Uptown Motel, 310 North Center Street, Casper, Wyoming.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Casper, Wyoming:

On December 15, 1970, [redacted] owner of the Uptown Motel, 310 North Center Street, was exhibited a photograph of subject and advised that he is unknown to her. A review of the motel registrations from August 20 to August 22, 1970, failed to locate a registration for the subject or anyone else from the Chicago area.

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Subject's photograph was shown to other employees of the motel with negative results.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT E. LEE, JR., on December 21, 1970, at Lakewood, Colorado:

[redacted] Desk Clerk, Four Winds Motel, 4600 West Colfax Avenue, was exhibited a photograph of subject and he advised that subject was unknown to him. He said that the motel's records were filed in alphabetical order and he conducted a search through all registration cards for 1970 with last name beginning with L, and this search failed to locate registration for the subject.

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Subject's photograph was shown to other employees
of the motel with negative results.

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The 1970 City Directory for Reno, Nevada, lists subscriber of telephone 329-1984 as [REDACTED]

According to the City Directory, [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] Reno, Nevada, and is employed by Canyon State Mining of Nevada.

The current telephone directory for Reno, Nevada, as published by Nevada Bell, lists [REDACTED] Drive, Reno, Nevada, as the subscriber to telephone 329-1984.

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On 12/8/70 at Reno, Nevada File # LV 92-610

by SA [REDACTED] kad Date dictated 12/8/70

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A representative of [redacted] advised
that [redacted]
[redacted] Reno,
Nevada.

The above information should not be made
public except following the issuance of a subpoena duces
tecum directed to [redacted]
[redacted] Reno, Nevada.

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On 12/8/70 at Reno, Nevada File # LV92-610
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On December 29, 1970, CG T-2 advised that [redacted]

CG T-3 advised that [redacted] is a member of the Chicago La Cosa Nostra Family which reports to the subject.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Milwaukee which were reviewed on January 12, 1971, revealed that [redacted] was born on [redacted] and in 1966 was employed as an auditor for the R. W. Baird Company, investment brokers.

On November 25, 1970, CG T-4 advised SA [redacted] that Sioux Falls telephone number 336-1970 has been listed to the Lindendale Motel in Sioux Falls for the past nine years.

On November 25, 1970, [redacted] Lindendale Motel, Sioux Falls, advised SA [redacted] as follows:

She and her husband, [redacted] have operated this motel during the past nine years. Except for having maids clean the motel rooms, she and her husband manage this motel themselves and have no other employees. Subject's photograph was displayed to her and she does not recognize subject as anyone she has seen in the past. She does not recognize subject's name as a name she has heard in the past.

[redacted] reviewed her guest registration cards from the period of August 21, 1970, through August 24, 1970. Subject's name did not appear among such registration during the aforementioned period. At SA [redacted] request, however, she furnished the names and identifying data of all those guests during that period, indicating they resided in Illinois (or had a vehicle with Illinois license plates). These individuals are as follows:

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, driving a 1969 Pontiac with Illinois License FH 5873. [redacted] stayed at this motel during the night of August 22, 1970.

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On August 23, 1970, [redacted]
[redacted] Godfrey, Illinois, driving a 1969 Chevrolet
with Illinois License 57-787.

On August 23, 1970, [redacted]
(with party of six people all together) stayed in two separate
rooms at this motel. Their address is listed as [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois; they were driving a 1968 Ford
with Illinois License BL 7038 and [redacted] indicated he
represented the Glemby Company, New York, New York.

[redacted] advised she does not recall any of
the aforementioned individuals.

[redacted] indicated her husband is not available
for interview on this date.

On November 27, 1970, [redacted] Lindendale
Motel, Sioux Falls, was contacted by SA [redacted] A photograph
of the subject was displayed to him. He advised subject does
not look familiar to him, and he advised he does not recognize
subject's name as a name he has heard previously. He likewise
advised he does not recall any of the aforementioned guests.

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On December 3, 1970, Chief of Detectives [redacted]
[redacted] (NA), Police Department, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised
subject is unknown to him and his records.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] at Tulsa, Oklahoma:

A check of current Tulsa Telephone Directory shows
telephone number 446-6611 is assigned to the Town & Country
Motor Hotel & Restaurant, 5600 West Skelly Drive.

The photograph of FRANK LA PORTE was shown to
Town & Country Motor Hotel employees [redacted]
[redacted] and none recognized this
individual as being anyone they had seen at the motel.

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[redacted] Assistant Manager, Town & Country Motor Hotel, 5600 West Skelly Drive, Tulsa, Oklahoma, located records showing the following information:

An individual named ANTHONY FRANZE, 480 West 16th Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, driving a Chevrolet bearing license number 967-224, checked into the motel at 6:35 P.M., August 1, 1970, was assigned room 129, and stayed one night. There were four individuals in the party. No calls were charged to the room. The party was checked in by employee [redacted]

These records show [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois, checked into the motel at 6:35 P.M., August 1, 1970, was assigned room 128, and stayed one day. There was one in the party. No car information is shown on the registration card.

The photograph of FRANK LA PORTE was shown to [redacted] and he said he does not recognize this individual as being anyone he has previously seen.

No record could be located for individuals named FRANK LA PORTE or [redacted] as guests at the motel on August 1, 1970.

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On 12/24/70 at Tulsa, Oklahoma File # Oklahoma City 92-240
Chicago 92-920
by SA [redacted] pwo Date dictated 12/28/70

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Date 1/5/711

[redacted] Desk Clerk, Town & Country Motor Hotel, 5600 West Skelly Drive, Tulsa, Oklahoma, furnished the following information:

She cannot recall registering parties named ANTHONY FRANZE and [redacted] from Chicago Heights, Illinois, on August 1, 1970, as guests at the motel.

She was shown a photograph of FRANK LA PORTE and she stated she does not recognize this person as being anyone she has previously seen.

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Chicago 92-920
by SA [redacted] pwo Date dictated 12/29/70

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The current Golden West Telephone Company Directory for the communities of Linden, Clements, and Farmington, California, disclosed that number 837-3622 is listed to [redacted] Linden, California. This individual is the husband of LENA GUADAGNOLO, subject's sister.

The current Pacific Telephone Company Directory for Lake Tahoe, California, disclosed that number 546-3429 is listed to [redacted] Tahoe Vista, California.

The September, 1970, Continental Telephone Company Directory for East Central California discloses that number 932-8511 is listed to [redacted] Bridgeport, California.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Bridgeport, California:

When contacted on January 20, 1971, WILLIAM B. EVANS, Sheriff, Mono County, who advised that he is personally aware that subject formerly owned a mining mill and mining claims within the county, stated that he has not seen or received any information indicating that the subject has been in the Mono County area for at least the past two or two and one-half years.

On the same date, [redacted] Traffic Officer, California Highway Patrol, advised that he first met FRANK LA PORTE several years ago through [redacted] from San Andreas, California, whose wife, [redacted] is a cousin or some other relative of LA PORTE's, as a result of their mutual interest in mining. He stated that in the past he has leased a couple of mining claims to LA PORTE, none of which are not current; however, all of these leases were handled through [redacted] and that he, [redacted] actually has had very little contact with LA PORTE. He stated that the last personal contact he had with LA PORTE was about three years ago when LA PORTE and several others, whom he cannot now recall, passed through the area on a trip, and that the last contact with him of any nature was approximately two years ago when LA PORTE sent him a stick of salami which LA PORTE reportedly made himself.

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[] advised that in about May, 1970, at the request of [] he moved into a trailer located on the property of the mining mill owned by LA PORTE located about 12 miles north of Bridgeport, California, to act as a watchman, and that he had a telephone installed at that location with the number being 932-8511. He stated that he only resided at that location for about one month when he moved to Bridgeport, California, after his trailer had been burglarized; however, he left the telephone service installed under his name at [] request since [] intended to be on the property during the summer and could not obtain telephone service under his own name because of a delinquent bill. He stated that [] was in and out of the area throughout the summer relative to a proposed sale of the mining mill to two men from Colorado, but the last he, [] heard, this deal fell through and he does not know if LA PORTE still owns or has sold the mill. [] stated that [] has now left the area for the winter, and that he, [] had the telephone at the mill disconnected in October, 1970. [] stated that any telephone calls to that number would undoubtedly have been received by [] and were in all probability relative to the proposed sale of the mill.

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By letter dated January 29, 1971, the San Diego Office advised that the telephone numbers in La Jolla, California, which were called from the BARTUSIEWICZ residence are located in the barber shop and home of [] and the telephone at Pacific Beach, California, is at the home of FRANK BONPENSIERO.

On November 18, 1970, JERRY PETERS, Chief, Richton Park, Illinois, Police Department, advised that on November 13, 1970, at 11:50 PM a member of his department had investigated an automobile accident. This investigation revealed that a 1971 four-door Lincoln which had 1970 Dealers License (no numbers listed) struck the IC Railroad viaduct on Sauk Trail in Richton Park, Illinois. Three persons were injured in the accident and were transported to the St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights. A telephone call to the hospital revealed that the three persons who were injured in the accident were FRANK LA PORTE, 1730 Cambridge Avenue, Flossmoor, Illinois, a white male born October 8, 1901; [] Crete, Illinois, a white male born [] and [] Ashland Avenue, Crete, Illinois.

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PETERS advised that he had not investigated the accident himself and could furnish no other information regarding the accident.

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[redacted] who is also known as [redacted]
[redacted] was contacted at her residence, [redacted] Crete, Illinois, and she advised as follows:

On November 13, 1970, she attended a small political meeting held by the Democratic Party at D'Amico's Restaurant in Joliet, Illinois. FRANK LA PORTE and "his man" [redacted] were having dinner at D'Amico's. [redacted] did not see anyone else with LA PORTE. [redacted] 11 year old son, [redacted] was with her.

LA PORTE offered to take [redacted] and her son home. She had gone to Joliet with some other persons who left the meeting earlier. [redacted] and her son accepted LA PORTE's offer of a ride. She and her son were seated on the back seat. LA PORTE was driving the car and [redacted] was seated next to him. They were in a new Lincoln Continental.

As LA PORTE was traveling east on Sauk Trail in Richton Park, he lost control of the car which started to skid. The car struck the I.C. Railroad Tressle that crosses Sauk Trail. LA PORTE, [redacted] and her son bumped their heads and were taken to the emergency room at St. Francis Hospital in Chicago Heights. Their injuries were minor and they were released from the hospital after X-rays were taken. [redacted] and her son were picked up by her married son. LA PORTE was being attended to by [redacted]

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[redacted] is employed as professional vocalist. She has been singing professionally since the late 1940's. At the present time, she has two or three bookings a month and has appeared at various country clubs and hotels throughout the Chicago area. She has been appearing at the Pheasant Run and is scheduled to appear at the Medina Country Club. She has never performed in taverns or anywhere that she is required to sit with customers after her performance.

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by SA [redacted] /dad Date dictated 11/20/70

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In the late 1950's and early 1960's, [] was singing with the Ralph Marteri Band at the Villa Venice. The Villa Venice was a regular hang out for a lot of hoodlums including TONY ACCARDO. It was at the Villa Venice that [] became acquainted with LA PORTE. She saw LA PORTE from time to time when she was singing with MARTERI's band. About three years ago MARTERI quit using a vocalist and [] did not see LA PORTE for several years.

About eight months ago, [] stopped in the Sulky Club on Halsted Street in Glenwood to try and arrange an engagement there. While at the Club, she met FRANK LA PORTE who renewed his acquaintance with her. After that, he visited with [] and met her family. He calls her from time to time for a dinner date. [] said that she has only recently resumed dating and that she still does not go out alone. Usually she takes one of her children with her to avoid being placed in a complicated position. LA PORTE has indicated to her that he can get her jobs as a singer, however, she has never allowed him to do so because his type of jobs would require that she sit with the customers.

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[] has never asked about LA PORTE's business or private activities. Her contacts with him have always been on a social basis. LA PORTE has been polite and courteous towards []. He treats her with respect and has never been "foul mouthed" in her presence. Many persons think poorly of professional singers and think they can say anything to them. LA PORTE has never been like that towards her.

[] said that she knows nothing about []. She has met him only a few times when he happened to be with LA PORTE. [] considers [] to be 'LA PORTE's man.'



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[] Olympia Lincoln-Mercury Dealer,
535 West Lincoln Highway, Chicago Heights, Illinois,
advised as follows:

He has completed the sale of a Mercury to []
[] but has not as yet made delivery of the car.
The car is ready and should be delivered in a day or two.
The car is financed through the Ford Credit Corporation
for \$4,000.

[] has known of FRANK LA PORTE for several
years. He has often seen LA PORTE at Savoia's Restaurant
with [] On a Friday, about two weeks ago,
[] saw LA PORTE and [] at Savoia's. He was
still negotiating with [] and during their con-
versation, he suggested to LA PORTE that if he drove a
Continental for three hours, he would not be satisfied
with any other car. Later that evening, [] called
him on the telephone and said that LA PORTE would like to
drive a Continental overnight. [] arranged for LA PORTE
to borrow a Continental with the understanding that the car
would be returned before noon on Saturday.

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LA PORTE picked up the Continental Friday evening
and left his own car with [] At noon on Saturday the
Continental had not been returned. An employee of Olympia
saw the car at a service station in Richton Park and learned
that it had been in a wreck. [] met with [] on
Saturday at Savoia's. He indicated that there had been
some problem connected with the car. He was vague and would
not tell [] what had happened. [] received the im-
pression that LA PORTE had been out with a woman when the
wreck occurred. Since the wreck occurred, [] has heard

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by SA [] car [] Date dictated 12/2/70

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several stories, but does not know what actually happened, nor who was actually driving the car.

LA PORTE was admitted to St. James Hospital as a result of injuries suffered in the wreck. He was not released from the hospital until Thanksgiving or the day before. The car is damaged extensively and there is blood on the front and back seats. Breaks in the windshield indicate that the glass was struck by someone sitting on the passenger side of the front seat. [] removed a necklace and a pair of glasses from the car. A small bag containing food is still on the rear seat. [] considers the car to be a total loss. It was a new car and cannot be repaired sufficiently to be sold as a new car. [] is waiting for LA PORTE's insurance company to do something about the damaged car but so far, has had no commitment from that insurance company or LA PORTE. He said that he is having to just wait, because he is in no position to put any pressure on LA PORTE. He has not been able to sell a car to LA PORTE either.

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[] made available a Customers Statement concerning []

CUSTOMER STATEMENT

WILL FINANCE

8000-22-Per Jim Scott

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL				SEX	NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS		
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CITY				Chicago Heights			
STATE				ZIP CODE	COUNTY		
Illinois				60411	Cook		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED		<input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED		PHONE NUMBER		LISTING IN FAMILY NAME	
<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE		<input type="checkbox"/> SEPARATED		754-6882		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
<input type="checkbox"/> OWN HOME		<input type="checkbox"/> OWN/BUYING MOBILE HOME		COLLEGE GRADUATE?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
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LIVED THERE		DRAFT STATUS OR CLASSIFICATION		YEAR GRADUATED		DEGREE(S) RECEIVED	
YEARS 9 MONTHS 7		OVERAGE YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
IF VEHICLE IS PRINCIPALLY GARAGED AT OTHER THAN RESIDENCE ADDRESS:				CAR WILL BE PARKED			
STREET ADDRESS				<input type="checkbox"/> GARAGE			
CITY				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DRIVEWAY			
STATE				<input type="checkbox"/> STREET			
NAME AND ADDRESS OF LANDLORD OR MORTGAGE HOLDER				RENT OR MORTGAGE PAYMENT			
Chicago Heights National Bank 17th & Halstead Chicago Hts.				\$159.88			
PREVIOUS ADDRESS (STREET CITY AND STATE)				LIVED THERE YEARS IN AREA			
Chicago Heights, Illinois				10 46			
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CURRENT EMPLOYER				EMPLOYER'S PHONE NUMBER			
Co-operative Music 1728 Halstead Chicago Heights, Ill				755-4644			
APPLICANT'S OCCUPATION				TIME ON JOB		TIME ON PREVIOUS JOB	
Service man				25 YEARS MONTHS		3 YEARS	
SUPERVISOR'S NAME				PREVIOUS EMPLOYER'S NAME		TIME ON PREVIOUS JOB	
None				U.S. NAVY		3 YEARS	
PREVIOUS EMPLOYER'S ADDRESS				SOCIAL SECURITY NO. (IF IN MILITARY BANK AND SERIAL NUMBER)			
Government							
BADGE OR DEPT. NUMBER		UNION AND LOCAL NUMBER		SOURCE OF OTHER INCOME		APPROXIMATE MONTHLY INCOME	
						\$800.00 b6 b7C	
SPOUSE'S FIRST NAME				AGE		OTHER MONTHLY INCOME	
Kathryn				40		\$ -	
BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER		SPOUSE'S EMPLOYER		TIME ON JOB		SPOUSE'S MONTHLY INCOME	
				YEARS		\$ -	
BANK REFERENCE (AND BRANCH)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SAVINGS & CHECKING <input type="checkbox"/> SAVINGS ONLY		COMBINED MONTHLY INCOME	
Chicago Heights National				<input type="checkbox"/> CHECKING ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> NO ACCOUNT		\$ -	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S NEAREST RELATIVE NOT IN HOUSEHOLD				RELATIONSHIP			
Chicago Heights, Ill				Mother			
NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S NEAREST RELATIVE NOT IN HOUSEHOLD				RELATIONSHIP			
Matheron, Ill.				Son			
ACTIVE CREDIT CARDS		NATIONAL COMPANY NAME AND CARD NUMBER					
CREDITOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS (OR BRANCH)		DATE OPENED	HIGH CREDIT	TERM	MONTHLY PAYMENT	DATE CLOSED	UNPAID BALANCE
PREVIOUS CAR FINANCED BY							
(1) 1st National Bank Chicago		2/69					
(2)							
(3)							
HAVE YOU EVER HAD A CAR OR OTHER MERCHANDISE REPOSSESSED?		YES, WHEN		HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE EVER FILED BANKRUPTCY?		YES, WHEN	
NO				NO			
NAME AND ADDRESS OF REGISTERED OWNER (IF NOT APPLICANT)							
AUTOMOBILE PHYSICAL DAMAGE INSURANCE - Your Time Sale Contract will require that you procure and maintain insurance, protecting both your interest and Seller's interest against fire, theft and accidental physical damage to the vehicle, including deductible collision, except in the case of older model used passenger cars where the unpaid cash balance is less than \$300, in which event only fire, theft and combined additional coverage is required. You may arrange for such insurance through the person of your choice, or, if you prefer, seller will attempt to obtain it on your behalf. Please indicate your preference.							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I will procure such insurance through							
<input type="checkbox"/> I request seller to attempt to obtain such insurance on my behalf. Please complete							

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[redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois,
advised as follows:

He and his wife, [redacted] operate the Golden Horse Shoe Lounge at 1232 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. About five years ago when he and a partner opened the lounge, they thought it best to obtain permission from FRANK LA PORTE. [redacted] partner went through Phil's Liquors in Hazel Crest. Word came back to them that their running the lounge would be all right. They were not to permit any prostitution or drinks soliciting.

When [redacted] was causing trouble in the lounge before being sent to jail, [redacted] felt he should contact LA PORTE. [redacted] first went to Co-Operative Music and was referred to the Labor Union Office. [redacted] went to the Union Office and met AL [redacted]. He discussed the [redacted] situation with [redacted] and after that had no other trouble from [redacted] or any of his associates.

[redacted] said that [redacted] comes into the lounge two or three times a week. He heard that about two weeks ago [redacted] had purchased the Plantation Restaurant in Monee. [redacted] does not have the money needed to purchase a place like the Plantation so he must be fronting for someone else.

[redacted] said that he has not seen [redacted] for at least two years. He does not know what [redacted] is doing now.

[redacted] who was an associate of [redacted] comes into the lounge frequently. He has indicated that he is going to have to go to prison and is waiting for the day to arrive. When asked about having to go to jail, [redacted] just replied, "big deal." He did not indicate any intention of running to avoid going to jail.

[redacted] said that he has never asked for any special favors from the Chicago Heights Police Department, and he has had no problems with the police. At one time [redacted] who

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was on the police force was harassing him. [] would come into the lounge about 10:30 p.m. and look at the customers. He would go into [] office and use the men's room. He would come into the lounge at about 3:50 a.m. to check that [] closed by 4:00 a.m. [] never demanded any bribe and [] never offered him anything. Since [] left the police force, [] has not been bothered.

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The owners of the building where the lounge is located are [] seems to have acquired a lot of influence in Chicago Heights. He flies to Florida frequently and is spending a lot more money than he should. [] does not know when [] is getting his money. He believes [] goes to Orlando, Florida.

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[] was contacted at his residence []
[] Flossmoor, Illinois, and he advised as follows:

He and his wife, [] operate the Golden Horse Show Lounge, at 1232 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. The lounge was previously run by the [] Brothers. One of the brothers, [] is a regular customer at the lounge now. Last Friday night [] asked [] to step into the office at the lounge. As they were walking to the lounge, they passed a man who was standing near the coin telephone. [] told this man to come into the office too and introduced him to [] as FRANK MUNDO. MUNDO told [] that he was there to collect the Merts Heating and Air Conditioning bill. The bill was over \$1600.00 but he would make a final settlement for \$500.00 which had to be paid by Monday at 2:00 p.m. Arrangements were made to meet MUNDO at that time at the lounge.

On Monday at 2:00 p.m. [] and his wife were at the lounge but MUNDO failed to appear. On Tuesday at about 2:30 p.m. [] received a telephone call at his residence which is an unpublished telephone number. The caller said that he is FRANK MUNDO and asked why [] had not met him at 2:00 p.m. [] explained that their appointment had been for Monday instead of Tuesday.

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[] inquired among his associates and learned that MUNDO is supposed to be a brother-in-law of [] who is a partner in the Merts Heating Company. [] has tried to call Merts but learned that he was in Jamaica.

Merts had installed the air conditioning system at the Golden Horse Shoe Lounge. He had made [] a good price on the work. [] was not able to pay the bill within a years time and Merts increased the amount of money owed by [] He sent [] a bill for the higher amount. [] computed the additional charge and found it to be in line with regular financing charges. He has not made any payment on the bill for a year. [] has been short of money and since no one was pressuring him he had let the bill go.

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[] had no written contract for the air conditioning work. All of his arrangements with Merts had been oral. He had made some payments on the bill and had reduced the amount he owed to about \$1,000.00 plus the extra charges.

[] said that he does not have \$500.00 to settle the bill. His wife had only \$127.00 to apply to the debt after paying some other expenses. He contacted [] owns the building in which the lounge is located. [] contacted some people and then told [] that \$800.00 would be required to settle the debt now. [] said he does not have money for paying the debt and is waiting to see what happens next.

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Date December 16, 1970

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The following observations were made on December 8, 1970, at the times indicated:

2:20 PM - A gold Oldsmobile, 1970 Illinois License NE 2414 and a green Chevrolet station wagon, 1970 Illinois License ND 2191 were parked at the Co-Operative Music Store, (Co-Op) 1728 Halsted, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

2:39 PM - MARTIN PULCINI came from Co-Op, entered the Oldsmobile after placing something in the trunk and departed.

2:40 PM - A green Oldsmobile, 1970 Illinois License ND 2137, arrived at Co-Op. FRANK LA PORTE got out of the right side front door. [redacted] got out of the left side front door. Both men entered Co-Op.

3:01 PM - A white male who had white hair and who was carrying a package wrapped in white paper, came from Co-Op, entered the station wagon and departed.

3:06 PM - The man drove the station wagon to 1033 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, where he parked the vehicle behind the house in an alley. He got out of the vehicle and entered the house at 1033 Halsted.

3:27 PM - The above mentioned man returned to the station wagon and departed immediately, traveling south on Halsted Street.

3:45 PM - None of the above mentioned vehicles were parked near Co-Op.

4:00 PM - The green Oldsmobile was parked in the driveway of the BARTUSIEWICZ residence, 1716 Cambridge, Flossmoor. The gold Oldsmobile was in the garage of the PULCINI residence which is across the street from LA PORTE's residence at 1730 Cambridge Road. In the garage of FRANZE's residence, which is across the street from the BARTUSIEWICZ residence was a car that has 1970 Illinois License ND 2150.

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On January 14, 1971, SA [redacted] learned that the telephone service at [redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois, is in the name of [redacted] and was established in March, 1970. This service has telephone number 755-2621 and [redacted] is reported to be employed as a waitress at Savoia's Restaurant.

On February 2, 1971, at 3:55 PM a black over green Mercury Marquis which had no license plates, and a white over black Pontiac which had 1970 Illinois License 965633 were parked behind the house at 1033 Halsted, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

On February 3, 1971, at 8:55 AM the above mentioned green Marquis was parked in the driveway of [redacted] residence at [redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois. At 9:25 AM this car was parked behind the Cooperative Music Store at 1729 Halsted, Chicago Heights. From 10:30 AM to 10:50 AM the car was parked in front of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company building in Chicago Heights. At 10:50 AM [redacted] entered the car and drove north on Vincennes Avenue.

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On February 2, 1971, at 3:10 PM a light green compact car which has 1971 Illinois License KE 4302 departed from the residence of FRANK FRANZE at 1729 Cambridge Avenue, Flossmoor, Illinois. The car was occupied by three teenagers who proceeded into Chicago Heights traveling south on Chicago Avenue. At 3:45 PM on February 2, 1971, a dark green Mercury Marquis which has 1971 Illinois License 986470 was parked in the driveway of [redacted] residence at [redacted] Chicago Heights.

On December 1, 1970, the subject was observed driving a dark green Oldsmobile which has 1970 Illinois License ND 2187. He was proceeding north on Chicago Road at 14th Street. At 11:50 AM the car was parked beside the Cooperative Music Store. At 12:02 PM the subject and [redacted] came from the Cooperative Music Store, entered the Oldsmobile and drove to Savoia's Restaurant.

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The following observations were made at the time indicated on December 30, 1970:

11:00 a.m. A green Oldsmobile 98 with 1970 Illinois license ND 2187 was parked beside the Co-operative Music Store, 1729 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

12:25 p.m. The above described car was parked in the lot of the Savoia Restaurant, 560 West 14th Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

3:00 p.m. The above described car was being driven by FRANK LA PORTE who was the only occupant and was travelling east on the Glenwood-Dyer Road in Thornton. LA PORTE proceeded to the Calumet Expressway, then north on that highway, east on Highway 6, and north on Torrence Avenue in Calumet City, Illinois.

3:25 p.m. The above described car was parked behind the residence of MARGUERITE MC GINNIS, 331 Warren Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois.

3:48 p.m. FRANK LA PORTE came from the MC GINNIS residence, entered the Oldsmobile and drove directly to 1716 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois, arriving there at 4:10 p.m. LA PORTE parked his car in the driveway beside a red Oldsmobile and entered the BARTUSIEWICZ residence. A third dark colored car was parked in front of the two Oldsmobiles. No cars were parked across the street at the FRANZE's residence.

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On February 4, 1971, MARTIN PULCINI was observed departing from the Patch Lounge in Calumet City at 12:10 PM. He was driving a golden colored Oldsmobile which has 1970 Illinois license ND 2414.



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Chicago, Illinois
February 22, 1971

Title FRANK LA PORTE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent
[redacted], dated and
captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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